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CABBIES URGED TO JOIN PUBWATCH

Report by Sue Austin

OSWESTRY'S crime-busting Pubwatch scheme is to be revamped and relaunched – with the town's taxi firms urged to sign up to the new look programme.

Under the new plans unruly customers who abuse a taxi driver or misbehave in the cab could face a blanket ban from using all taxis.

Another new development will see people who are subject to a Pubwatch ban given a chance to have it rescinded if they attend a special course which looks at their anti-social behaviour.

The course will be run in conjunction with Oswestry's Walford and North Shropshire College.

The new moves are being taken by police bosses who say they want to rid Shropshire's towns of anti-social behaviour at night.

A new scheme, called Shropshire Against Night Time Disorder, is being rolled out to give those banned from pubs or town centres the chance to see their ban rescinded if they attend the special course.

Police Inspector Rik Klair said the night-time culture had to change.

He said: "I want to see our towns vibrant, exciting places where people want to visit and enjoy in the evenings.

"We need to look at different ways to deal with the culture of anti-social behaviour and binge drinking."

The inspector said the Oswestry Pubwatch scheme was expected to be relaunched at the end of April, in time for the two May Bank Holiday weekends.

The town has continued to suffer from the stigma of being named an anti-social behaviour hot spot more than a decade ago despite its award winning CCTV system helping to see crime and disorder plummet.

"Oswestry already has Pubwatch but not all licensees are currently signed up," Inspector Klair said.

"We are going to have a new radio scheme to keep publicans in touch with each other, with the CCTV control room and the police.

"We also want to bring our taxi firms on board.

"Taxi drivers can often be the subject of abuse from their customers at night, whether that is verbal abuse, anti-social behaviour or non-payment.

"If we can encourage the taxi drivers to agree that if someone it banned from one firm they will not be able to get a taxi from another firm, it will make customers think about their behaviour.

"Anyone that is made subject to a banning order, whether from pubs, or a town centre or perhaps the taxis, will be given the chance to attend a new course.

"In the same way that the speed awareness courses work, if they successfully pass the course then they will have their ban rescinded."

Villagers delighted with crossing after long fight

Gobowen Primary School children use the new crossing which has been installed after a two-year battle. Photo: Peter Shah.

YOUNGSTERS in Gobowen are able to walk to school more safely after villagers won a two-year campaign to install a new zebra crossing.

The new crossing has been busy this week with children returning to school after the Easter holidays.

And the battling grandmother who spearheaded the fight to get the crossing says it has been welcomed by everyone in the community.

Dot Basham said it had been a long time coming, but the new crossing was wonderful for the village.

"People of all ages are using it to get from one side of the village to the other," she said.

Mrs Basham, 65, from Perry Road, began a petition two years ago after seeing near misses on a regular basis on St Martins Road as she walked her grandchild Caitlin, now nine, to Gobowen Primary School.

At the time statistics from West Mercia's Safer Roads Partnership revealed that 1,300 motorists a day were breaking the 30mph speed limit on the road.

Thanks to pressure from the community vehicle activated signs were installed on St Martins Road in a bid to slow traffic down.

But campaigners insisted a crossing was the long term answer to the safety issue and Mrs Basham's petition was widely backed by the community.

"We collected 762 signatures calling for a petition in just two weeks," she said.

"When I moved to Gobowen and my own children walked to school there was not one but two lollipop ladies. When they went it was just not safe to cross the road."

She thanked Gobowen Parish Council for backing the call for a zebra crossing and the two local Shropshire councillors.

She said: "Caitlin has two more years at Gobowen school and I have two younger grandchildren who will go there so I will be using that crossing thousands of times over the coming years."

At the moment Mrs Basham is even more grateful for the zebra crossing as she injured her leg in a fall.

"It's taking me longer than usual to walk across the road," she said.

POWER

Campaigners claim pylons plans are facing a long delay

PLANS to build pylons across Shropshire and Mid Wales have been put on ice for 12 months, campaigners have claimed.

Montgomeryshire Against Pylons says it has been told National Grid will not submit plans for its Mid Wales Connection Project until mid-2016 rather than later this year as planned.

Jonathan Wilkinson, leader of Montgomeryshire Against Pylons, said it is a huge boost to the campaign against the project, which would see a large substation built in Mid Wales and a 33-mile power line linking it to the national supply at Lower Frankton, near Oswestry.

The plans include building a 16-acre substation at Cefn Coch, near Llanfair Caereinion, and the power line would be carried overhead by pylons or underground through the Meifod Valley and into Shropshire.

Mr Wilkinson said: "I have been assured by those in the know that National Grid will now not submit the plans until the second or third quarter of 2016, rather than the same period this year.

"This is a significant development from our point of view and one that we will look on favourably. This is big news for our campaign and I would welcome anything that delayed or damages their plans."

National Grid did not confirm or deny the delay, but said the process of making the application will take "many months."

BUSINESS

Jobs are lost as firm shuts down

ONE of the best-known names in the world of hot air ballooning has shut the doors of its Oswestry factory at a cost of nearly 20 jobs.

The closure of Lindstrand Hot Air Balloons, in Maesbury Road, will see 19 workers made redundant.

Founder Per Lindstrand, who currently runs nearby business Lindstrand Technologies which is unaffected by the closure, called the move "sad".

Bristol-based Cameron Balloons took over control of the company in 2003, but said that annual sales had dropped.

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Balloon firm bosses tell of sadness at closure decision

Report by Thom Kennedy

BOSSES at Oswestry's Lindstrand Hot Air Balloons have spoken of their sadness at having to close the firm's factory in the town.

The closure of the firm in Maesbury Road will see 19 workers made redundant.

Founder Per Lindstrand, who currently runs nearby business Lindstrand Technologies which is unaffected by the closure, called the move "sad".

Bristol-based Cameron Balloons took over control of the company in 2003, but said that annual sales had dropped by a half to around £1 million in the face of an increasingly difficult trading environment.

The strength of the pound had meant that its products were 21 per cent more expensive when sold in the eurozone, which would not affect its continental competitors.

And terror attacks in locations such as Egypt and Kenya had meant that the market for tourist balloons had dwindled.

Boss Don Cameron said: "It's a very sad business. Trading conditions for hot air balloons have been very bad for the last 18 months or so.

"A lot of forces had been working against Lindstrand Balloons, and the parent company Cameron Holdings had been pumping money in, but comes a point where if you can't see light at the end of the tunnel, you can't keep doing it."

Lindstrand built the balloons which were used by the company's founder and avid balloonist Richard Branson in their record-breaking flights across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in 1987 and 1990 respectively.

By the time of the company's sale, Mr Lindstrand said, the market was not supporting more than one balloon business, and he opted to sell to Cameron to focus on his other business making cutting edge inflatable technology, such as the parachute for the Mars Rover module.

"It's sad, because it was really producing the best balloons in the world," Mr Lindstrand added. "A lot of people have been working there since the early 1980s.

"Some I could probably pick up here, and we could probably do a little balloon repair work here, but we are not going to return to balloon making as it has a wafer thin profit margin."

Town residents want bunnies to hop off

John Chesworth shows Councillor Paul Milner some of the netting he has had to install because of the rabbits

EASTER bunnies are a common sight at this time of year – but they're not always welcome.

For in Oswestry they have been causing havoc, digging up lawns, nibbling on flowers and munching their way through vegetable patches.

Residents of OerleyWay in Oswestry have tried a number of ways to protect their plants, even putting netting over their flower beds, but to no avail.

In desperation they took their problem to local town councillor, Paul Milner, who is now hoping other gardeners might have some suggestions as to how to keep the bunnies at bay.

Councillor Milner said he was approached by several residents of Oerley Way at one of his regular council surgeries.

"I have been asked to look at a huge range of issues in my time as councillor, but never complaints about rabbits before," he said.

Keen gardener, John Chesworth, says he has to put up 'fortifications' around his vegetable patch.

"The rabbits are a real problem," he said.

"I have had to put netting over all the plants to stop the rabbits ruining the garden."

Another householder, Ian Slipper, said he had never seen so many rabbits.

"We believe they are coming on to Oerley Road from the reservoir land next to our gardens," he said.

"In the evening there can be scores of rabbits on people's lawns and even on the road itself."

"There seem to be some quite young ones at the moment.

"My worry is that if new kits are born and the colony becomes too big for the warren, the rabbits will be looking for another place to create a new warren. I really don't want that to be my back lawn."

The residents have contacted Shropshire Council's environmental health department but have been told that rabbits are not classed as vermin.

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Driver tells of efforts to free trucker

A DELIVERY driver has told how he frantically tried to free another lorry driver who had been crushed when a metal bar entered his cab.

William Ernest Barker died on May 27 as he was making a delivery to the Argos store in Smithfield Street, Oswestry.

An inquest was opened yesterday (Wednesday).Rodney Paragreen, who was making a delivery to the nearby Marks & Spencer store, said: "I could see the Argos wagon moving forward very slowly. Then I heard a man's voice shouting 'help me' coming from the Argos wagon.

"I went straight there and I could see the driver leaned forward over the steering wheel."

Mr Paragreen said he could see a barrier which was used to prevent lorries entering the Smithfield Street car park had broken free of where it had been secured out of the way and had entered the cab through the driver's window.

He said: "The barrier had gone into the back of the seat and forced the driver forwards."

Mr Paragreen said he tried to free Mr Barker but found the barrier was firmly wedged in place.

A post mortem revealed that Mr Barker, 68, from Rochdale, died of traumatic asphyxiation.

The jury inquest was due to conclude today.

Time running out to enter event

TIME is running out to enter the fourth Montgomery Canal Triathlon.

The Canal and River Trust has imposed a limit of 200 entries for this year's event, and as 280 people took part last year, anyone wanting to take part is urged to sign up before all the places for the run on May 9 are filled.

Freda Davies from the Friends of the Montgomery Canal said: "Many entrants in previous years leave sending in applications to the last two weeks before the event, but it is feared that many will be disappointed this year as a result of the trust's limit."

The event involves cycling, walking and canoeing along the 35-mile route of the Montgomery Canal from Newtown to near Welsh Frankton in north Shropshire.

Forms can be found on www.maesburycanalfestival.co.uk/triathlon.html or by calling (01691) 831455.

Store giant highlights worries over rival plans

Report by Sue Austin

MORRISONS has warned building a third supermarket within half a mile of Oswestry town centre will have a serious effect on businesses.

It has sent a letter to Shropshire Council speaking of its concerns.

Permission has been granted for the redevelopment of the town's Smithfield market and the creation of a major retail park including a Morrisons supermarket.

But last month Aldi was granted permission for a store just a few hundred yards away. And Lidl wants to build a store a short distance away also on Shrewsbury Road. In a letter to Shropshire Council agents acting for Morrisons warned too many supermarkets will have a serious effect on town centre trade.

Development consultant Peacock and Smith says in the letter: "The cumulative impact of the approved new Morrisons, the approved new Aldi and the proposed Lidl would be significantly adverse, reducing the town centre's convenience goods turnover by an estimated 48.2 per cent."

Oswestry Chamber of Commerce chairman Jools Payne, said: "It would be inappropriate for the Chamber of Commerce to become embroiled in a game of numbers ping pong between competing retailers without properly scrutinising the veracity of Morrison's trading projections.

"That said, an expanding retail ribbon on the edge of town will inevitably impact on the share of available consumer spend and that is of major concern to the independent retailers in the town centre.

"How ironic that Morrison's have suddenly awoken to this simple truth.

"It's increasingly obvious that any business operating in Oswestry town centre, independent or otherwise, which is reliant on footfall needs to join the Oswestry Chamber of Commerce to strengthen their share of voice as this coalescence continues apace."

Gemma Syrett-Judd from Honeysuckle Wholefoods in Church Street added: "As Morrison's figures appear to illustrate, the future is not looking bright for the town centre. Some businesses may feel the edge of town development will not affect them, but any potential downturn for small traders will have a knock-on effect for the other local service providers and trades people our town traders use."

Road crash sparks explosion alert

The crash caused the closure of the A483. Photo: Dyfed-Powys Police Neighbourhood Policing Team for Welshpool

A DRIVER was trapped in his cab after a crash between two lorries on a main route through Mid Wales which sparked fears of an explosion.

A gas canister being carried on one of the lorries started to "vent off" gas after the collision on the A483 at Berriew, near Welshpool on Monday.

The gas canister had to be isolated by firefighters at the scene.

Firefighters also made sure the other canisters in the load were safe and not at risk of exploding.

One of the lorries involved in the collision left the road while some of the gas canisters being carried by the other lorry spilled across the carriageway.

The crash, which happened at about 2.30pm on Monday, closed the road for several hours while the scene was cleared.

Diversions were put in place by police and motorists using the main route suffered delays to their journeys.

Firefighters from Welshpool, Montgomery and Newtown worked to release the trapped driver from the wreckage of his cab.

The other driver is thought to have been unharmed.

Police closed the road – one of Wales's main arterial roads – while the rescue and clear-up operations took place. The road was reopened by 9.30pm.

The Welsh Ambulance Service and air ambulance was on standby to take the injured driver to hospital.

A spokesman for Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said hydraulic equipment was used to free the driver who was trapped in his cab.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tributes paid to town footballer

TRIBUTES have been paid to a talented Oswestry footballer who died suddenly aged 38.

Carl Lewis died on April 8, leaving behind two children.

He was a talented football player, having had trials with Leeds United, and played for several local teams, including Morda United and Oswestry Town.

His half-brother Tommy Lewis paid tribute on behalf of the family.

He said: "It was a sad loss for the family.

"Carl was a well-liked person and he will be sorely missed by many people."

FC Oswestry Town also paid tribute to Carl, calling him "a great footballer and amazing character." A spokesman said: "We were sorry to hear the sad news about Carl. He was a legend."

Waterways set for big clean-up

A COMMUNITY project is being set up to clean up Welshpool's rivers and streams.

The Severn Rivers Trust is establishing the Monty Rivers Project in Welshpool after securing money from the Big Lottery Fund.

Lisa Barlow from the trust said there were plans to reduce litter and remove invasive non-native species.

"We will also be monitoring invertebrates in the rivers and streams and giving volunteers free training," she said.

One of the first activities held as part of the project will be a walk to the stream on Foundry Lane on Wednesday, leaving the Smithfield Bell in the town at 6pm.

Four are treated after house fire

FOUR people were treated for smoke inhalation after a chimney fire near Oswestry.

Crews from Oswestry attended the house in Bradley Fields just before 9pm on Saturday.

Firefighters used buckets of water and small gear to extinguish the fire.

The fire involved a solid fuel stove on the ground floor lounge of a two storey detached property.

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Drill campaigners warn of further applications in area

Report by Amy Downward

CAMPAIGNERS fighting plans to drill a temporary coal-bed methane exploration borehole are warning Shropshire residents that other applications may soon be submitted in the region.

Chris Hesketh, member of campaign group Frack Free Dudleston, said the drilling plans they are fighting in Dudleston Heath between St Martins and Ellesmere is about to become a threat to almost all of Shropshire.

He said: "In March 2014 the Government consulted on the 14th round of Petroleum Exploration and Development Licences (PEDL). These give permission to drilling companies to drill for shale (fracking) and coal-bed methane exploration.

"The results of the 14th round are known but have been held back from publication until after the election. The people of Shropshire have a right to know what is in store for them before they cast their vote."

Mr Hesketh said a public meeting that will be held in Whitchurch next week, was called in order to inform the public.

The meeting will be hosted by Duncan Kerr, an Oswestry town councillor and a parliamentary candidate for the Green Party, along with Mr Hesketh who hopes to include an update on the situation at Dudleston Heath.

The meeting will be held at the Whitchurch Civic Centre at 7.30pm on Monday.

Mr Hesketh added: "The presentation will explore other options and how they offer solutions to the energy crisis.

"The style will be informal and everyone is welcome, whether or not you wish to have any connection to the Green Party."

Graeme Currie, Labour Party candidate in North Shropshire, has recently spoken about his opposition to the drilling plans.

He said: "I am 100 per cent against the gas drilling/fracking plans for North Shropshire.

"I have attended and spoke at both the public meetings at Criftins Village Hall and at St Martins last year and attended the lobby of the Shropshire Council Planning Committee to show my opposition.

"I have also visited the "Dudleston Castle Protection Camp" in the field to express my support for them.

"I have registered my detailed objection to the Dart planning application. I have lobbied national politicians on this matter."

The decision on whether Dart Energy will be given permission to operate an exploratory borehole for coal bed methane extraction in Dudleston will be made by the planning inspectorate. The inspectorate is yet to fix a date for the inquiry but it is expected to take at least three days and will be held later in the year.

Drunk man assaulted girlfriend

A MAN who had been drinking all day assaulted his girlfriend, smashed a mirror and broke a door at her home.

Matthew Stone kicked the woman after she stumbled over shortly after letting him inside her home, Welshpool Magistrates Court was told.

He carried out the attack in Welshpool after a day out in Shrewsbury watching rugby and drinking, the court heard.

Stone, 21, now living at Burway in Church Stretton, admitted common assault and criminal damage when he appeared at court on Tuesday.

Magistrates gave Stone a 12-month community sentence ordering him to carry out 60 hours unpaid work, undertake a 20 day rehabilitation order and pay a total of £595 in compensation and costs. He was also made the subject of a two-year restraining order.

Helen Tench, prosecuting, said the incident happened on March 14 when Stone returned to Welshpool. His then girlfriend met him in a pub in the town but he argued with her and left without his jacket, which she took back to her house.

Stone went to the house and the woman inadvertently let him in. She stumbled and fell and Stone kicked her twice, Mrs Tench said. When officers went to the house a mirror had been smashed and a knife stuck into a door. Phil Sherrard for Stone said his client could remember little about the incident but had accepted responsibility. The relationship was now over, he said.

Deaths shock community

Sue and Tony Sheen died within five days of each other

A FAMILY and members of a golf club have been left stunned by the deaths of a husband and wife within five days of each other.

Welshpool Golf Club steward Anthony Sheen passed away on April 2 after a long illness. He was 63. His wife, Sue, the golf club's stewardess, died five days earlier aged 61 following a short illness.

The couple's three children said that they were being helped through their grief by the local community. Mr and Mrs Sheen also had four young grandchildren.

Welshpool Golf Club chairman John Wood said: "This has been an unbelievably sad situation for Sue and Tony's children – Rory, Toni and Lois, having lost both parents within a week of each other. Our thoughts are with the family at this tragic time. Both Sue and Tony will be greatly missed by both members and visitors at Welshpool Golf Club."

Mr and Mrs Sheen had been at Welshpool Golf Club for six years. A statement released by the children Lois, Toni and Rory said: "We are extremely grateful for the support given to the family over the past few weeks. It has been phenomenal, from a simple text or a visit to the golf club."

Mrs Sheen was buried in woodland at Westall Park Natural Burial in Redditch on April 8 and a service for Mr Sheen will be held at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Tuesday at 3.15pm.

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Application submitted for creation of travellers' site

Report by Pam Kingsley

A LONG-term home could be created for travelling families after plans were drawn up for a gipsy site in a paddock near Oswestry.

Residential traveller pitches and a communal utility day room could be set up next to the Halton roundabout at Chirk. It is hoped the project could encourage travelling families to stay in the area and possibly become part of the local community over time.

The plans have been submitted by a former travelling family which wants to provide the same facilities they have enjoyed to other gipsies. Trevor Mennell, acting as agent for applicant Mary Berry, said many gipsy families choose to stop travelling temporarily or permanently because of educational, health or old age needs.

He said: "It is considered that it would be possible for the occupants of this site to integrate into the wider community over time.

"The provision of a settled base can help to break down the barriers between the settled and the gipsy communities.

"The proposed development would provide the opportunity to promote the peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site occupants and local community.

"The Berry family already have this relationship, having been located in the Wrexham area for many years."

Mr Mennell said the site would also give better opportunities for gipsy children, some of whom may not have been able to attend school before because of moving around.

The site would include a play area for the children to use.

He added there is "a recognised need for such facilities" in the area.

Each of the seven chalets on the site, which would be similar to those found in a holiday park, would have two or three bedrooms and would cater for about four people.

The utility room would provide a wash room, bathroom and day room.

Restrictions would be placed on the site forbidding commercial activities, and priority will be given to people who live a nomadic life locally or visit the area regularly and want to move on to the site permanently.

The site, which is opposite where the weekly Sunday car boot sales are held, already has utilities connected and is within walking distance of Chirk.

The plans are currently open for public consultation.

A decision on the application is due to be made by Wrexham County Borough Council later this year.

Investment promise for town hotel

THE new owners of a landmark Welshpool hotel have promised investment will be made into the property.

The Royal Oak Hotel has been bought by the Bulldog Hotel Group.

Kevin Charity, Bulldog's founder and managing director, said: "We will be investing in all areas of the hotel, including completing the bedroom refurbishments started by the previous owners and working with the team to develop the food and drink offering, which we see as a real opportunity."

The Grade II listed 25-bedroom Royal Oak has had only three previous owners since opening its doors in the 18th century and has welcomed visitors over the years including the Queen, who dined there in 2010, when she visited the town for the opening of its indoor cattle market.

The hotel's previous owner, Malcolm Bebb, said: "The Royal Oak has an amazing heritage in Welshpool and the past 10 years have been no exception.

"The hotel has hosted many memorable occasions, from the recent government public inquiry for windfarms, to the all-time high of having Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip here for lunch.

"However after 10 years, we decided to sell the hotel in order to expand our existing farming businesses."

Mr Bebb thanked the hotel's loyal staff and customers and wished Bulldog Hotel Group ongoing success.

Rose helps honour McCoy

Rose Paterson installs AP McCoy into the Aintree hall of fame

JUGGLING her role as chairwoman of Aintree and wife of North Shropshire parliamentary candidate Owen is no mean feat but Rose Paterson began the grand opening of the famous course's racing festival last week by welcoming AP McCoy to the course's hall of fame.

She said: "It's an honour to be making AP a legend at Aintree. I don't think we'll see his like again, and I'm very proud to be inducting him into the Hall of Fame."

The 58-year-old officially took up the position in May making her the first ever chairwoman in its 185-year history – and she has since been preparing for this huge event.

Mrs Paterson said: "It's certainly been a busy few months. My role is a strategic one, planning for the future. The continued success of the festival is very important to that, so I'm bound to have a few butterflies on race days and particularly on National day with the nation looking on. But I've always loved the Grand National, it's such an exciting day.

"There are 70,000 people there watching, and the atmosphere in that moment before the horses are off is amazing. It's one of the greatest sporting moments. I intend to carry on enjoying it as much as I can."

She took over from the Lord Daresbury, who was chairman for 25 years.

She said: "My aim is to build on all Peter Daresbury's good work and to ensure the Crabbie's Grand National remains the most exciting race in the world."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

You just have to feel for the people of Welshpool.

Just when they were coming to terms with the town's chaotic one-way system and recovering from the bedlam caused by Openreach teams laying broadband fibre technology, they find out there's even more chaos on the way. This week the Welsh Government dropped the bombshell that Church Street in the town centre is to be closed for a week to allow Scottish Power and Severn Trent Water to carry out urgent work to their underground networks.

I applaud the fact that the two agencies have got their acts together on a job but this really is a step too far. What happened to working on one side of the road at a time? Motorists face five days of absolute chaos from May 18-22 with diversions sending all traffic to the Railway Station junction and then via Severn Street to reach absolutely anywhere in the town.

Expect there to be massive traffic tailbacks along the Welshpool bypass and Leighton Road and absolute gridlock in the town centre. And there will be huge implications for the businesses in Church Street, particularly with deliveries, though customers will still have access.

And this is all in the week leading up to May Bank Holiday Monday, which coincidentally is Welshpool Carnival Day. Imagine the chaos if the work isn't finished on time. Is there still time to book a holiday that week?

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On the subject of roads don't get too excited about the announcement of a Highways England six month study into the dualling of the A5 between Shrewsbury and North Wales.

I was shocked to read that the 20 mile stretch through Oswestry from Montford Bridge to Ruabon is the only single carriageway between Dover and Holyhead. But I also expect it to stay that way. It's without doubt one of the most dangerous roads in the country and the money should have been found long ago to transform it into a dual carriageway. But the facts are that there is no money in the pot.

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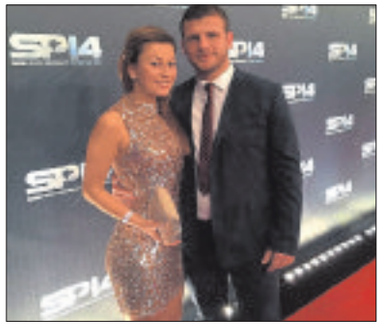
On Sunday I was deeply touched to hear former Wales, Arsenal and Celtic legend John Hartson tell a hushed audience about his heroic battle to beat cancer.

The big man, who is now a BBC presenter, was guest speaker at a sportsman's lunch I attended and his humbling account of his suffering and decision to launch the John Hartson Foundation to raise cash to help others fight the disease was gripping. Footballers today largely get bad press but John Hartson is a shining example that not all should be tarred with the same brush.

Amy Hughes and Dave Keighley grew close during the amazing marathon challenge



Amy and Dave were invited to prestigious events after the marathon success

Amy Hughes received a warm welcome when she ran in her home town of Oswestry

Friends' love blossomed during running challenge

Amy Hughes found more than fame when she ran around the country. SUE AUSTIN reports

OSWESTRY'S super running girl Amy Hughes found herself in the record books when she ran an incredible 53 marathons in 53 days – and also ran into a new love as well at the same time.

Long term friend Dave Keighley was one of her support crew who followed her every move during the fundraising run which saw superfit Amy complete the amazing marathon challenge.

And now they are a couple after growing close as Amy raised £30,000 for charity.

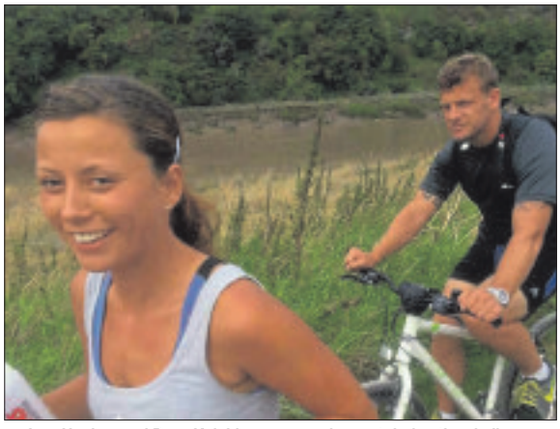
The 26-year-old has described how her run of more than 1,300 miles had changed her life.

She covered the country during her 53-day run, taking in various cities including London, Liverpool, Wolverhampton, Newcastle, Glasgow and Cardiff as well as local towns such as Shrewsbury, Llangollen and her own home town of Oswestry.

The sports therapist is now the face of two major clothing brands, is involved with the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust, has teamed up with iconic children's programme Blue Peter, and has started a new job at one of the top country clubs in the north west.

But, most importantly, she has found new love in the shape of Dave.

At her side throughout the 53 days, often cycling over the 26 miles, their friendship blossomed and as Amy crossed the line at the end of the challenge she thanked two people, Lyn Mitton and Dave.



Amy Hughes and Dave Keighley were rarely apart during the challenge

"Neither of us expected to fall in love, it just happened," Dave said.

"We are really happy and I am so proud of Amy."

Working himself in the security profession, he is now often by her side as she accepts invitations to major events and speaking engagements.

Amy said the past six months had been a whirlwind of experiences and opportunities.

Among the most unusual has been Amy's chance to become one of the faces of lingerie company Panache and also an opportunity to become an ambassador for sportswear specialists, Brooks.

She said: "Following my 53 marathons in 53 days challenge last year, I've been approached and given some fantastic opportunities. I have spoken at Running Expos which has been amazing and I am currently working with Blue Peter at the BBC and have been training one of their presenters, Lindsey Russell, to run her first marathon at the London Marathon this year.

"I've decided to take on the challenge myself, but I will not only be running the marathon but will also be running the 220 mile journey from my hometown Oswestry to London ahead of the big day.

"I will also be starting from the celebrity start line which is unbelievable."

Amy starts her 220 mile journey on Saturday.

She said: "I'll be starting from Red Square in Oswestry between 11am and 11.30am on Saturday.

"There will be a group of us there with buckets, so if anyone wants to come wave us off and show some support then come on down - the more the merrier.

"As usual I like to pack as many things in as possible so there is a Kelly Holmes athlete event and an running award ceremony at the O2 thrown in the mix for the week."

Amy's hectic schedule will see her cover 33 miles to Telford on Saturday, 35 miles to Birmingham on Sunday, a further 35 miles to Rugby on Monday and a moderate 22 miles to Northampton on Tuesday.

Wednesday will be the longest day, running the 37-mile leg to Luton, before the shortest day, covering just 12 miles to St Albans on Thursday.

The reason for the shorter day on Thursday is that Amy will be travelling to Bedford in the evening to attend a Kelly Holmes event, returning to St Albans on Friday morning for her last leg of the journey.

She will travel the 25 miles from St Albans to Trafalgar Square during the day, and then drop in to the O2 Arena in the evening to present an award at the Running Awards ceremony - and pick up her own award for being named "best running moment of the year".

She added: "Not wanting to leave behind my love of running, I have already entered and raced a few events this year, ranging from 10k races to marathons.

"You'll find me participating at the Brooks Brighton 10K in November.

"I've also been lucky enough to be asked to speak about my 53:53 challenge at events and businesses across the country.

"One message I'm keen to promote is the importance of regular exercise and activities in schools. To add to all of this, I am currently working for The Dame Kelly Holmes Trust, and have a lot of exciting projects on the horizon.

"In a few months I'll be swapping my running shoes for a bike and cycling from London to Paris in aid of the worthwhile cause."

PETER RHODES

A reader asks: "Why, if mineral water has been percolating through volcanic rocks for millions of years to achieve its level of purity, does my bottle have a sell-by date of November 15?

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A good point, which leads fluidly on to the latest TV advert for S. Pellegrino mineral water. Three guests in a smart Shanghai hotel find the restaurant closed in the early hours. So they sneak into the kitchens, steal some food and make an Italian meal for themselves. Dishonest, certainly, but better than punching the producer, eh?

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There is no period more difficult to portray than the near-past. So full marks to ITV for the excellent two-part cop drama, Code of a Killer. It was set in the 1980s and the props, clothes and attitudes were so perfect that you could almost smell that essential pong of an old-fashioned nick, the heady whiff of stale tobacco and Brut. The computers, filing cabinets and houses were authentically 1980s but the stars of the show for me, (apart from David Threlfall as a tenacious, world-weary old detective) were the Rover SD1 "jam sandwich" police cars. I assumed these 3.5 litre dream machines , the sleek predators of the motorways in endless pursuit of speeders, had all rusted away by now. Suddenly they were back. Anyone else have a flash of guilt?

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A poll reveals that Britain is one of the least religious countries in the world. So does that make us a nation of wicked, immoral and selfish folk? Apparently not. A survey a couple of years ago by the World Giving Index revealed that Britain is the most generous developed nation when it comes to giving to charity and helping strangers in distress. So we are godless and yet good. In fact, if you want to find an unhappy, uncaring, lawless ignorant and impoverished country, try looking at the list of the ones where the holy men are in charge. As a general rule, the more religion you get, the nastier life becomes.

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Cameron promises to exempt houses worth up to £1 million from inheritance tax. Miliband promises £2.5 billion extra for the NHS. Clegg promises light at the end of the tunnel and Farage promises massive cuts in immigration. The truth, as we have seen during five years of the Coalition, is that election promises crumble the moment you do a deal with another party. That's why Cameron's 2010 promise of a £1 million inheritance-tax threshold and Clegg's promise of no tuition fees never saw the light of day. It is a simple process: 1) Make a promise. 2) Form a coalition. 3) Ditch the promise.

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Sometimes all monkeys need replaced

TAKE a cage containing five monkeys and inside the cage hang a banana on a string from the top, placing a set of steps under the banana.

Before long a monkey will go to the steps and climb toward the banana. As soon as he touches the steps, spray all the other monkeys with cold water.

After a while another monkey makes an attempt, with the same result – all the other monkeys are sprayed with cold water. Pretty soon when a monkey tries to climb the steps, the other monkeys will try to prevent it.

Now, put the cold water away. Remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new monkey sees the banana and attempts to climb the steps. To his shock, all of the other monkeys beat him up. Next, remove another of the original five monkeys, replacing it with a new one.

The newcomer goes to the steps and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment because he is now part of the "team".

Now replace a third original monkey with a new one, followed by the fourth, then the fifth. Every time the newest monkey takes to the steps he will be attacked.

Now, the monkeys that are beating him up have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the steps. Finally, having replaced all of the original monkeys, none of the remaining monkeys will have ever been sprayed with cold water. Nevertheless, not one of the monkeys will try to climb the steps for the banana.

Why, you ask? Because in their minds that is the way it has always been.

This is how Parliament operates – and this is why, from time to time all of the monkeys need to be replaced at the same time. Remember this and vote Ukip.

AJ ASTLEY
Ellesmere

Postcard shows life at cottage hospital in town

A close-up view of nursing staff at work at "The Cottage Hospital, Oswestry," as seen in an undated but probably Edwardian postcard. It was loaned to us by Diana Humphreys of Maesbrook.

Councils have to look at how they support older people

I'M writing following recent reports that social care spending has been cut by a fifth over the past 10 years.

While these findings don't surprise me, it's time for more to be done to ensure the elderly and vulnerable don't continue to be put at risk.

Findings suggest those receiving care has fallen dramatically, but with an increasing ageing population there's inevitably a huge shortfall in support.

As a result A&E units have been forced to bear the brunt, admitting elderly patients and experiencing problems discharging them because of lack of support available in their community.

Even for those still receiving care, local authorities have been required to make significant cuts, resulting in the quality of care – not to mention the time spent with the individual – diminishing rapidly.

Day-to-day support, such as washing, dressing, cooking, shopping and housework has been the hardest hit with the remaining care reserved for those who have only the very highest needs.

Inevitably this will just lead to more issues, particularly when frail individuals have a fall at home and are admitted to hospital – it's a vicious circle, and cuts within the social care sector have resulted in other departments picking up the pieces.

Austerity measures and the tightening of budgets have had a huge impact on local authorities, but I'd urge them to take a "prevention is better than cure" outlook to the rising demand, and look to help support individuals to live independently rather than leaving them completely high and dry.

Local councils need to review their attitude to the ageing population and adapt the way they operate to prevent crises from occurring, both on an individual and a community level, which will help to save money and reduce unnecessary hospital admissions.

DR HANNAH MACKECHNIE
Radfield Home Care
Shrewsbury

Other parts of county also need to be protected

I WAS very pleased to read about Councillor Barrow's objections to drilling for gas and the erection of pylons in Shropshire from the point of view of destroying the countryside. However, I think that this is a hypocritical stance given the council's rush to urbanise large areas of the county for house building.

I can only comment on parts of Shropshire with which I am familiar, in this case prime agricultural land off Preston Street in Shrewsbury. I have lived on this street for over 40 years and have witnessed bumper crops coming off this field every year.

This proposal was thrown out by Shrewsbury and Atcham Council about 10 years ago on the grounds that this field was a finger of green reaching into the town, enjoyed by many people – nothing has changed.

When permission for planning is being considered, I hope that people that make decisions come to their senses and do not allow building on this site.

MIKE DORRICOTT
Shrewsbury

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A few things to remember

AS the general election approaches it might be worth remembering the last Labour government's administration, not for just the illegal war they sent our troops into, but the £26 billion over budget and failed computer systems.

Also the PFI deals which had a capital value of £54.7 billion but will cost the "hard working taxpayers" by the time it's paid off over the forthcoming decades, a staggering £301 billion.

DAVID SURRY
Middletown, Powys

Austerity mantra is now starting to wear a bit thin

SO now we know; the autocrats at Shirehall have refused to pass on the council tax support grant, thereby forcing town and parish councils to either increase their precepts or cut hitherto essential services, or both – and furthermore without any meaningful consultation regarding the potential consequences.

No amount of protestation or imploring could penetrate the arrogant disdain that has taken root since the advent of the unitary council, and we are now left to the mercy (or lack of it) of jumped-up, self-important wannabe politicians with an over-inflated opinion of themselves. They seem to forget that they are merely the paid servants of the taxpaying residents of Shropshire, where democracy seemingly died with the axing of district councils. The mantra of "austerity" is wearing very thin, and with the promise of more of the same we are fast coming to resemble a Third World society in our attitude to social provision. Enough already!

TONY WILLETTS
Craven Arms

Good reasons to switch off lights

I AM very disappointed that my street lights are left on all night despite asking the council to switch them off.

There are reasons why it is wrong to leave them switched on all night. They cost a lot of money – our money. They use a lot of resources – we as the custodians should limit use. They cause massive light pollution – stops us enjoying the night sky. They provide light for miscreants to carry out their activity. And traffic travels slower when the lights don't work.

Some people do have a desire or a need to walk in the middle of the night. Should the whole of our overcrowded isle be subject to a massive orange glow to satisfy a small minority? I walk at night because I enjoy the peace and the night sky. If I need to see the ground I have a very good torch.

PETER KEEN
Oswestry

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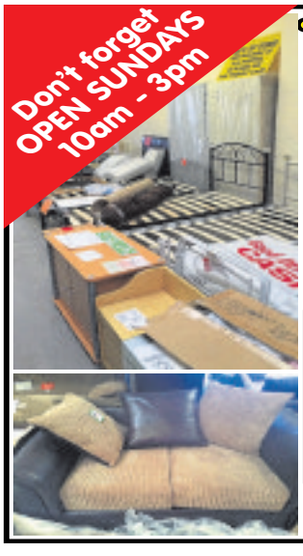

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man harassed former partner

A MAN who harassed his former partner by sending her countless text messages and following her in his car has been given a 12-month community order.

Daniel Chasey Price also followed his former partner on a number of occasions following the breakdown of their 14-year relationship, Shrewsbury Magistrates Court was told.

Price, 32, of Park Hall, Oswestry, admitted harassing the woman between October 12 last year and January 9 at an earlier hearing and appeared at court for sentencing on Tuesday. He was given 12 months supervision under his community order and 40 hours of unpaid work.

He was also placed under a restraining order not to contact the woman or to enter Morda or Llynclys.

Abigail Hall, prosecuting, said Price had been in a relationship with the woman for 14 years which had broken down.

Price, representing himself, said he had been trying to the family back together.

Worker took cash from hotel's till

A HOTEL worker who stole £12 from the till has been given a 12-month conditional discharge.

Joe Jones, 24, of Park Place, Welshpool, stole the money at the Lion Quays Hotel in Oswestry on July 18.

He admitted a charge of theft.

He was ordered to pay £12 compensation to the hotel, £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge. Shrewsbury Magistrates Court was told CCTV footage showed Jones taking the money.

Emma Stevens, for Jones, said her client had intended to pay the money back but he needed it to pay for a taxi to get home from work.

Public urged to attend talks about traffic fears

Report by Sue Austin

A WELSHPOOL councillor has called on people to turn up en masse at a forum on Monday over worries about traffic chaos in the town.

Councillor Graham Breeze urged people to attend the meeting of the Welshpool Business Forum in the Town Hall after hearing that the Welsh Government is to close Church Street for a week in May.

And the councillor also wants people to know that town council plans to slow down Broad Street traffic have been rejected by Welsh Government.

"This is just another blow for the people of Welshpool," said Councillor Breeze. "Just when people were coming to terms with the town's chaotic one-way system and recovering from the bedlam caused by Openreach teams laying broadband fibre technology, we find out there's even more chaos on the way.

"News is also breaking that local opinion to cut Broad Street speed to 20mph will be rejected.

"I'm urging the people of Welshpool to attend the monthly Business Forum meeting next Monday and have their say. You don't have to be in business to attend. The more people the better."

The Welsh Government said Church Street is to be closed for a week to allow Scottish Power and Severn Trent Water to carry out urgent work to their underground networks.

Cllr Breeze said: "Motorists face five days of absolute chaos from May 18-22 with diversions sending all traffic to the Railway Station junction and then via Severn Street to reach absolutely anywhere in the town."

Pub could be open within months

The Fox Inn, in Church Street, Oswestry

AN Oswestry town centre pub could reopen in a matter of months.

The Fox Inn in Church Street is the fourth acquisition for the Staffordshire-based Cheadle Free Houses, which says it wants to restore it to its former glory.

Peter Mozelewski, from the pub company, said he would like to see The Fox specialise in quality local beers and celebrate its history.

"We are now embarking on a major refurbishment, retaining and restoring original features," he said. "There is a lot to do and it is likely that the work will take several months.

"Although the pub is going to be closed for that time we wanted to assure local people that it will be reopening.

"The building is, I believe, 400 years old and we have already made some discoveries that make us believe that there is much of the original building covered by plaster and mock beams."

Auction has a variety of lots on offer for buyers

A METHODIST chapel, a 17th century Grade II Listed cottage, an interesting barn conversion project and four blocks of land are set to go under the hammer at a property auction in Shrewsbury tomorrow (Friday).

The auction, which is being conducted by leading regional auctioneers Halls at the company's Battlefield headquarters, features seven lots, including The Methodist Chapel, Baschurch.

Halls are also offering a rare chance to buy Stingwern Cottage, Brooks, near Berriew, a period cottage requiring modernisation and renovation which has a guide price of £80,000-£100,000.

Enjoying a private, rural location and set within its own garden and grounds, the cottage has a kitchen, sitting room and dining room with a quarry tiled floors and exposed beams on the ground floor and two double bedrooms and a family bathroom upstairs. Outside there is a timber framed lean-to, a workshop, storage area and purpose-built kennel.

The front gardens are lawned with a raised concrete walkway, while to the rear there in an enclosed area, which provides a blank canvas.

An interesting renovation project awaits the buyer of The Barn at New Hall, Dudleston, near Ellesmere, a Grade II listed brick barn with an outbuilding, gardens and paddock extending, in all, to just under an acre.

The land on offer includes a two-acre paddock at Cadney Lane, Bettisfield, near Whitchurch, with guide price of £10,000-£15,000, and a versatile 3.88-acre parcel of permanent pasture with a copse and brook at Trewern, near Welshpool, with a guide price of £25,000-£30,000.

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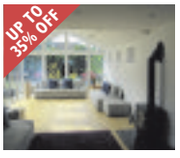

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Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition Centre staff member Elly Phillips with work by Ann Easthope

Carol Roberts with work by Katherine Mason

Art goes on display

A POTENTIALLY life-threatening illness has inspired a series of artwork which has gone on display in Oswestry.

Ann Easthope, from Wellington, has created a new collection of paintings for this month's exhibition at Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition Centre.

It comes after she suffered an illness two years ago. She said: "I think the events of 2013 and 2014 gave me a jolt and shook me out of my

Report by Pam Kingsley

comfort zone. I realised that my recent flower paintings had become tight and restricted, so I adopted the motto 'less is more' and widened my subject matter to the sea, where the sun and light play an important part in the fresh challenges I have set myself.

"I've always used vibrant colours and an energetic style, but now I'm in calmer waters after a tough, stormy year."

Alongside Ann's work will be craft cabinets filled with handmade leather items by Jo Heard from Llanfyllin.

Upstairs, there are displays from three photographers, Catherine Mason, wildlife photographer Jake Stephen and Kelly Stapley.

The exhibitions will all be on display until the end of April and admission is free of charge.

Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition Centre and cafe, in the parish churchyard, Church Terrace, is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition Centre staff member Elly Phillips with work by Kelly Stapley and Jake Stephens

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Group gets ready for rehearsals

MEMBERS of a musical theatre company are preparing for their next production.

Buttington Musical Theatre Company will begin rehearsals for its next big show at the Welshpool Baptist Church on May 7 at 7.30pm.

The rehearsals are in preparation this year's November production which is Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers".

Group members say new members are always welcome to this very happy and welcoming cast.

The group is always in need of singers and backstage hands whatever your age.

More details are available from the secretary Julie Prince at julie@welshpool.info

Ramblers set for Long Mynd walk

THE Welshpool Ramblers will continue their programme on Sunday when Vic Smith will lead an 'easy' graded circular walk of about eight miles in the Long Mynd area.

Starting from the Shooting Box car park (OS Ref: SO 421 954), the route will include Pole Bank, Bridges, Darnford Brook, Bethcott Hill and The Portway. It is hoped that, following the walk, an additional 'refreshment stop' will be made at The Bog Visitor Centre. Meet 9.45am at the start point or 9am in the upper part of Church Street car park in Welshpool.

Advance notice is given of the next walk on May 3 which will be in the Machynlleth area. This will be part of Ramblers Cymru Big Welsh Walk programme.

New rail level crossing is used by train service

Report by Pam Kingsley

A HERITAGE railway launched its 2015 operating season by trying out a newly-opened level crossing.

Instead of a loco crew member standing in the road with a red 'stop' sign to hold up the traffic and allow the train to pass, Castle Caereinion station on the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway now boasts an automatic level crossing with half barriers and warning lights, similar to those used on many main line railways.

Andrew Charman, railway spokesman, said: "Increasing road traffic on the Castle Caereinion road has obliged the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway to install the crossing for safety reasons.

"It is a major investment that has been totally funded by the railway, partly through an appeal to members and supporters. The crossing improves safety for both railway staff and road users, and we are very happy to be playing our part in a national campaign to reduce risk at Britain's level crossings."

Road users should not proceed onto the crossing at any time when the amber or red lights are showing. Among the first rail passengers using the crossing were youngsters riding the Great Easter Eggspress services held between Good Friday and Easter Monday. Full details of the 2015 timetable can be obtained from www.wllr.org.uk, or by calling (01938) 810441.

The new level crossing at Castle Caereinion is now being used

Drug wraps were found in man's car

A 19-year-old man who had individual wraps of cannabis and a grinder in his car felt pressured into selling it, magistrates were told.

Stanley Chapman was found with 18 separate wraps of cannabis and the grinding machine on him when police stopped him while he was driving. A search of his home uncovered a bottle of methadone, and his phone was seized and messages showed that he had been looking to sell the wraps, Welshpool Magistrates Court was told.

Chapman, 19, of St Mary's Place, Union Street, Welshpool, was given a 12-month supervision and drug rehabilitation order and told to pay fines and costs of £280 when he appeared in court on Tuesday. He had admitted at an earlier hearing three charges of possessing drugs and one of possession of cannabis with intent to supply.

Ceri Edwards, for Chapman, said her client had begun by smoking cannabis, went on to experiment with heroin and things then spiralled out of control.

"As text messages showed he felt pressured to sell the cannabis," she said.

Church fundraiser is set to be held

THE next fundraiser in aid of a church will be held tomorrow (Friday).

An evening with entertainer Alan Herbert, which will also include supper, will be held at Marton Village Hall, near Welshpool at 8pm.

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FIX AUTO OSWESTRY LAUNCHES A SECOND BODY SHOP IN WREXHAM

Fix Auto UK's flag will be raised above Wrexham this Spring after the Hitch family, owners of Fix Auto Oswestry, announced plans to invest in developing a new bodyshop in the North Wales town.

The brainchild of Managing Director Lee Hitch, the move is the first expansion for the family-owned business which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2013 and further underlines the belief the businessman has in the ever-developing Fix Auto UK network. The new bodyshop will operate under the name of Fix Auto Wrexham.

Conveniently situated in the centre of the Wrexham Industrial Estate, work has already commenced on transforming a bare industrial unit into a state-of-the-art repair bodyshop spanning 5,000ft^2.

In order to meet output demands, central to the development will be a moveable spraybooth spanning six bays rather than a single conventional static spraybooth. The new centre will be managed by Shane Price, who is being promoted from estimator at Fix Auto Oswestry.

While it will be initially staffed by three existing members of staff, a spraypainter, panel technician and administrator/receptionist will be recruited to join the team.

Said Lee: *"We've listened to our customers and we feel there's a necessity to create a secondary repair centre in order to bridge a geographical gap between our existing site and Chester. Fix Auto UK is gaining strength and the necessity to support our customers' needs are paramount."*

Lee added: *"We have learned a lot from what our colleagues throughout the Fix Auto UK network have developed over recent times and while our new centre will still be a traditional bodyshop, using a moveable booth will enable us to operate from a 5,000ft^2 unit and yet still produce an output of repairs normally associated with a unit of 10,000ft^2 or more."*

Fix Auto UK's Managing Director Ian Pugh, said *"What Lee and his team at Fix Auto Oswestry are proposing is another significant and exciting investment for the network. It is particularly pleasing to see organic growth coming from within the network, which complements our traditional network development activity, and I will be delighted to see the new site come on stream in the Spring."*

Fix Auto Oswestry Managing Director Lee Hitch is currently transforming an empty industrial unit into Fix Auto Wrexham.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire alert leads to works on road

PART of an Oswestry town centre street had to be dug up after a fire in a shop.

A small number of homes were also left without power for three hours after fire crews were called to the Get Connected phone shop in Willow Street.

The small electrical fire happened under the floorboards of the shop and fire crews and Scottish Power Energy Networks technicians dug up part of the road outside to see if an electrical cable underground was the cause.

Two fire crews were sent to the scene initially at 4.32pm on Thursday last week after a smell of smoke was reported.

A fire service spokesman said: "Two fire appliances were mobilised and crews used small gear, a saw, a hoser-eel jet and thermal imaging camera."

Crews left the scene at 6.44pm, but were called back at 9.17pm.

The second call was classified as a smell of burning but nothing was found by the fire crews.

Annual meeting held in parish

WEST Felton Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday followed by a social cheese and wine event.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm in West Felton Village Hall.

It is open to all people who live in the village.

During the evening there will be reports from the parish council chairman, on the state of the parish roads, the first responder scheme, housing schemes and the West Felton Parish Plan as well as from other organisations within the village.

Residents will have the chance to ask questions and put forward suggestions.

Canal wharf is focus of community dig project

Report by Sue Austin

A CANAL wharf near Oswestry could give up its historic secrets in a Time Team-style archaeological dig next week.

The Montgomery Canal wharf, smelting house and bone manure works at Maesbury Marsh will be the focus for the historic project organised by the Canal & River Trust.

Experts, who have already started inspecting the site, say they may not only discover more about the 18th century remains but even find prehistoric remains.

Working with specialists from Nexus Heritage, the trust is hoping to attract dozens of amateur, would-be archaeologists to take part in a community excavation of the important historical canal site,

The six-day excavation starts on Tuesday. Members of the public can also inspect the hard work at a special open day on April 25 from 11am-3pm when visitors will be able to speak to the archaeologists and see what treasures have been unearthed.

The excavation, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, is an important stepping stone in the £6 million project to restore the Montgomery Canal and will be focused on a small area next to the Navigation Inn in Maesbury Marsh.

During the dig, archaeologists are keen to discover more about the original 18th century canal wharf and smelting house, and a 19th century bone manure works. Bone was a highly prized raw material for fertilizer. Anyone interested in getting involved in the archaeological dig at Maesbury Marsh should contact David Hennessey on 07500 606030 or email david.hennessey@canalrivertrust.org.uk.

The dig will be conducted near The Navigation Inn at Maesbury Marsh

Inquesttold of driver's lorry crash

A VAN driver died after crashing into a parked lorry on the A5 in Shropshire, an inquest heard.

Andrew Hughes, 35, of Ellesmere, died following a collision close to the Gledrid roundabout on the Oswestry bypass on December 17.

Mr Hughes was pronounced dead at the scene.

The inquest heard the lorry was parked in a lay-by and eye witnesses said Mr Hughes drove into the back of the lorry.

Ian Geoffrey Slater, giving evidence, was driving behind Mr Hughes at the time of the incident.

He said: "I saw a white van come off the carriageway in front and drive straight into the stationery vehicle in the lay-by.

"We were all driving about 50/60mph and I did not see any brake lights or an indicator on the van."

Constable Ross Ashmore said the evidence suggested Mr Hughes steered off the road deliberately into the lorry.

Coroner John Ellery said it was a deliberate move at speed without wearing a seatbelt.

The coroner recorded a conclusion of suicide.

Fundraiser will aid town churches

A COFFEE morning will be held this weekend to raise money for a town's churches.

The coffee morning in aid of Welshpool & District Open Churches Network will take place at Church House in Church Bank, Welshpool, on Saturday from 9.30am.

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The show will include everything a couple could wish for, including a bridal and mother of the bride fashion show, lots of special offers on the day, premier wedding professionals, a free prize draw and even a complimentary drink on arrival. A hotel spokesman said many couples find knowing where to start and finding the right firms to go to can be quite daunting which is why the spring bridal show is so important as it has experts on hand ready to talk to them.

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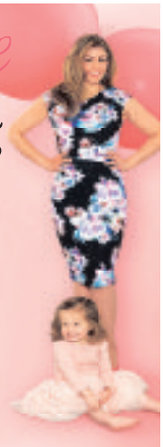

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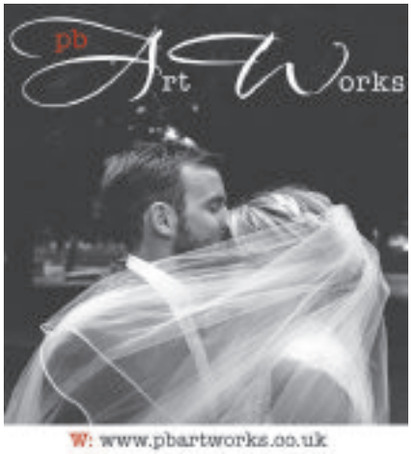

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Covering more than 48 hectares – that's over 70 football pitches – and some 19 metres deep, the Mere provides a home to an abundance of wildlife. The area's heron watch scheme is popular with many visitors.

From the comfort of the Boathouse Visitor Centre on the edge of the Mere, people can watch the herons nesting on nearby Moscow Island.

Using video cameras, visitors have continuous viewing of all the action as the herons build their nests, breed and incubate their eggs, and feed their hungry chicks.

Ellesmere also has formal gardens and woodland walks with art and sculpture trails to take in and there's the motte and bailey of the castle grounds.

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How to save the NHS

YOU may think this is a big ask? You may think it's impossible? You may think doctors, managers and politicians know best or that the 1000 million prescriptions written each year represents money well spent; but exactly who is benefiting from all this pill popping? Are we feeling better after taking all this medication? I'm not sure we are. Maybe it's time to try a new approach to achieving perfect health.

Over the last 50 years or so there have been countless scientific studies looking at the effects of a positive mind set, relaxation, mindfulness meditation and the placebo effect on the body. Benefits have been shown on both a physical and genetic level. Dr Herbert Benson a well respected research scientist who spent his working life at Harvard medical school exploring the mind body connection is convinced that 90% of all illness can be cured by tapping into this reservoir of "remembered wellness" that each and every one of us possesses. He says "when mobilised, the wisdom inherent in our bodies will not only transform individual health, it will reform medicine, saving the country billions every year in unnecessary health care expenditure."

Dr Benson describes a source of healing that is timeless. A basic instinct, this belief often transports people from pain and illness to perfect health and yet to our detriment western science and society often dismisses it. We don't have to read books or study to acquire this power to heal; we are all born with the recourses deep within us. We just need to tap into this innate healing potential in order to transform our mind, body and soul.

"The NHS is at a crossroads and must fundamentally change"

Simon Stevens,
Chief Executive of NHS

Alan Sharrock the "wellbeing entrepreneur" says, "What surprises me most is how MBT(Miruji Behavioural Therapy) is helping people with so many different health conditions from weight loss to Parkinson's disease and everything in-between. When 80 year olds tell me they have never felt so good or they feel like they can run a marathon after their treatment that gives you an idea of the power they are tapping into. People who have suffered for over 5 years with debilitating ME, who find it difficult to get out of bed in the morning and ache all over are telling us they are cured in less than 3 months. People who can hardly walk because of painful arthritis are able to walk round Attingham park pain free. Other people who find it impossible to lose weight and keep it off are finally succeeding. People comment on feeling good within themselves for the first time ever. What is going on for all these people with such a wide range of health conditions? I think they are tapping into the very same thing that Dr Benson describes - "remembered wellness". I don't suppose it really matters what's going on for these people, all that matters is they are feeling better both physically and mentally.

We all know instinctively that if we want to achieve something we need to "put our mind to it". That also applies to health and wellbeing. If you want perfect health all you need to do is relax, "put your mind to it" and let the healing process begin. The problem these days is that we are all stressed out and we would rather open a bottle of wine and settle down in front of the TV with a big bag of crisps or a bar of chocolate, or even both (which I tend to do!).

A couple of years ago a Doctor told me that MBT was the future of healthcare. I though he was crazy at the time but when I listen to people who tell me about the remarkable transformations to their health I'm beginning to think maybe he was right. I believe we are on the cusp of a paradigm shift in our approaches to health and wellbeing which is going to transform millions of people. Not just telling them to obtain optimal health but giving them the confidence and self esteem to break through barriers that are currently holding them back from achieving greatness. We are currently conducting a health & wellbeing trial with the help of Dr Lisa Hill a neuroscientist and Dr Nick Richards an occupational health expert.

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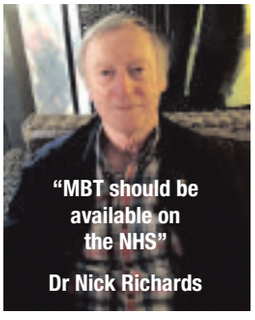

"MBT should be available on the NHS"

Dr Nick Richards

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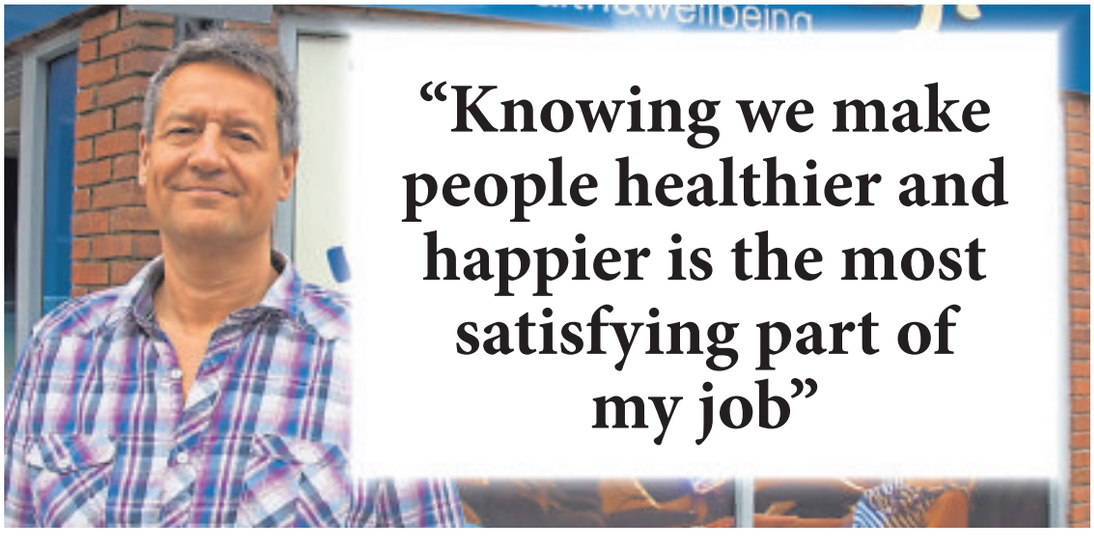

"Knowing we make people healthier and happier is the most satisfying part of my job"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HEALTH & WELLBEING TRIAL

Dr Lisa Hill a neuro scientist and Dr Nick Richards an occupational health expert are conducting a scientific trial to asses the benefits of MBT (Miruji Behavioural Therapy).

This will be one of the largest scientific health & well-being studies ever undertaken. Over the next 2 years there will be up to 5000 people taking part in this unique study. The study has already started but we are still looking for people who want to transform their health and wellbeing.

If you want to lose weight for the last time, recover from depression, anxiety, ME, CFS, arthritis or help with MS, Parkinson's disease, Bipolar or dementia please call 01743 600581 to book a trial to see if you are suitable to take part in this ground-breaking study.

"I'VE GIVEN MY MOBILITY SCOOTER TO MY SON"

AT the age of 86, Geoff Unitt thought he was stuck with his mobility scooter for the rest of his life.

But since finding his way into a Miruji chair and losing two stone in eight months, he has recovered his mobility and has found he can get by without it.

He even managed a holiday where was able to enjoy a mile-long ramble along Sandown beach to the zoo.

He said: "I signed up for 12 months finishing in April this year. I can move around a little bit more now, going up and down to the shops and that, using a stick. I did have a mobility scooter, but I found I didn't need it any more so I gave it to my son who is crippled with arthritis."

"After losing the weight, I can also tie my own shoe laces again for the first time in years."

Geoff has a damaged leg and a knee replacement so finds it difficult to do regular exercise but, he says, the Miruji audios have rewired his thinking, changing the way he behaves around food.

"I've been using the chairs for 45 minutes once a week," he explained. "The massage is good and the hypnotherapy puts you off your food. I don't eat anywhere near the amount I used to. I've been through all the hypnotherapy audio programmes several times."

Since finishing in the chair, Geoff has had a fall and was immobilised for 14 weeks but is delighted that he managed to keep the weight off. "I couldn't do anything except sit in a chair," he said. "But still I didn't want to eat like I used to. It is as though the hypnotherapy has repro -grammed my brain."

"I LOST 3 STONE AND FEEL BETTER IN EVERY WAY"

Ann, 69, has lost three stone, ditched her painkillers and "got her life in order" since beginning therapy at Miruji.

The former fraud investigator from Shrewsbury, was forced to retire with agonising back pain and said she was taking eight strong painkillers just to get through each day.

She began using the Miruji chair and has not looked back. "I noticed the benefit right away," she said.

"I've had a terribly bad back for most of my life. I've tried massage and various other interventions but the pain still prevailed."

She said that the Miruji winning formula of massage and powerful, motivational messages succeeded where all else had failed.

"I think it is the deep massage which really does relax the muscles and takes away stress; but it is also the audio, which is an impartial voice that reaffirms what you can do for yourself and gives you that extra bit of a push to keep going and reap the benefits," she added.

Ann said she lost three stones "very quickly", taking herself in hand after the audio encouraged her to "get her life in order."

"We're going out and enjoying life more. We've been on holiday to Spain and France and we go to exhibitions and events in Quarry Park. I do still take some painkillers but I am in no way dependent on them as I used to be. I know Miruji may not be the ultimate solution to my back pain but it is very, very effective and extremely helpful.

"I am hooked for life. I am convinced that it should be offered on the NHS as an alternative to medical interventions, surgery and group therapies."

NHS MANAGER SAYS "I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER"

NHS manager Sonia began coming to Miruji, attracted by the idea of having some time to herself, for relaxation and with a view to losing some weight.

She has a very busy job, with competing demands upon her time and is mum to an eightyear-old daughter.

"What was remarkable was not so much the weight-loss, although I did lose half a stone," she said, "but it was what I would call the "wellness factor". I felt so much better - more centred, relaxed and positive. There was a whole range of benefits to it that I hadn't considered when I started out."

Sonia, 44, from Shrewsbury, says it was when she couldn't go for three weeks that she realised what MBT was doing for her.

"It was only then that I fully appreciated all the benefits," she said. "It leaves me feeling so much calmer. I used to wake up a lot through the night. Now I'm sleeping so much deeper and I wake up refreshed and revitalised."

"My job is very hectic and it is hard to balance work and home life. I go to lots of meetings and travel a lot. There's quite a bit of day-to-day stress. "I would say that above all, I have gained a sense of peace. I think it is having that little bit of me time, twice a week. You sit in that chair, relaxing and listening to the audio knowing it is doing weird and wonderful things for you."

She has also changed her eating habits and ditched diet sodas. "It teaches you look after yourself and your body. It restores your self-respect. I definitely believe it should be available on the NHS, but that's just my view. I wish I had a chair in my office."

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Farmer is excited at future as CLA chair

SHROPSHIRE farmer Simon Scott has been elected chairman of the Shropshire branch of the CLA, which represents landowners, farmers and rural businesses in the county.

As well as managing the family business at Harnage Grange, near Shrewsbury, Simon also contract farms for Lord Bradford at Weston under Lizard, producing arable crops and potatoes.

Speaking about his appointment, Simon said: "Farming, and the concerns that I have as a working farmer, are very much at the top of the CLA's agenda.

"Items such as CAP reform, the active farmer test, bovine TB, badger culls, the Endocrine Disruptors consultation, deregulation of farm visits and inspections, Countryside Stewardship Schemes are all topical matters that have kept the CLA very busy lobbying and working with Government to make sure that Shropshire's voice is heard in Westminster and Brussels."

Range

The range of issues that the CLA fights on a daily basis affects everyone who lives or works in the countryside, and includes rural broadband, HS2 and compulsory purchase, shale gas, lead shot regulations, taxation, housing and private sector rented accommodation, woodland and wild boar.

According to Simon, this "makes you realise just how important the CLA is for its members. And even if you do not get directly involved in the organisation, being a member is vital to keeping the CLA at the forefront, representing all our interests."

"In Shropshire, our committee meets three times a year with members who represent a true cross-section of rural businesses.

"At each meeting we discuss matters that concern us, identifying issues that I can take to the relevant national committee in London for action.

"We are always looking for new and younger members to join our committee so please do get in touch if you would like to be involved.

"Being a member of the CLA has never been more important – farming and the countryside needs a strong voice to stand up to predominately urban politicians."

For more information about the CLA visit www.cla.org.uk or call the Midlands regional office on (01785) 337010.

Farms will open their gates to welcome public

FARMS across Shropshire will be opening their gates to welcome the public for the 10th year running.

Open Farm Sunday, an annual event organised by Linking Environment And Farming, will take place on June 7.

The event gives people the chance to find out more about where their food comes from, talk to the farmers who produce it and get up close and personal with the countryside.

Visitors can meet the farmers who grow wheat and oats that go into breakfast cereals and bread, and those who look after the cattle and hens that produce milk and eggs.

A spokesman said: "Visitors can talk to farmers about how they rear the meat that goes into our Sunday roasts and sausages and see first hand how our fruit and vegetables are grown.

"A visit to a farm on Open Farm Sunday is guaranteed to be packed with a host of different experiences.

"As well as producing our food, farmers are responsible for managing the countryside and all the wonderful wildlife that lives there.

"Visiting a farm can be fascinating and fun."

Activities available on the day include watching cows being milked. meeting farmers, tractor and trailer rides, and watching sheep being sheared.

For further information visit www.farmsunday.org or www.facebook.com/openfarmsunday

Experts at the spring farming seminar held in Ludlow

Rural seminar held

LAW firm mfg Solicitors and the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) held a spring farming seminar in Ludlow.

The seminar gave farmers, landowners and rural professionals advice on vital rural legislation.

The seminar was held at Ludlow Kitchen and saw legal and rural experts from both mfg and the CLA presenting to over 70 guests on topics including business structures, diversification, succession planning and protecting family assets by way of pre-nuptual agreements.

"Our Ludlow farming seminar always plays an important role in updating farmers, landowners and professionals on the big legal challenges affecting the sector," said Iain Morrison, partner and head of agricultural and rural affairs at mfg Solicitors.

"It was fantastic to see so many people attending the event and getting involved in the debate on issues that will affect the industry in the months and years ahead.

"We'd like to thank the Ludlow Kitchen for being such great hosts."

Aside from the Ludlow event, mfg Solicitors and the CLA also held seminars in Shrewsbury and Worcester during the last few weeks, in a bid to raise awareness of new legislation affecting farmers in the region.

County Show line-up to suit all the family

THE Shropshire County Show, one of the oldest surviving agricultural shows in the country, will be back at the Berwick Road showground in Shrewsbury on Saturday, May 23, with a line-up of attractions to suit all the family.

While it will continue to represent the best of agriculture in the county, it will be even more attractive to young people and families from all backgrounds.

"Many attractions have now been confirmed for this year's show. We welcomed for the first time Steve Colley's amazing motorbike stunt team together with a remarkable falconry display," said show chairman Neale Sadler.

"The now well established Kids Zone will be another feature of the show with lots of free activities already booked in for this year's show, including a 'Pump it, Jump it' BMX track where having a go is completely free and all equipment is provided."

Confirmed

Additional attractions are being confirmed every week, and with more farm machinery than ever before committed to the 2015 show, a concerted effort by all concerned is being made to provide something for everyone.

"We are particularly delighted to again this year be able to offer children of 11 years and under free entry, making it fantastic value for families," said Neale.

"I have also been greatly heartened by the number of merchants, local traders and agricultural suppliers who have already committed to the one-day show.

"Over recent years we have sadly lost some of the big agricultural dealers and contractors but we are really pleased to see them returning both last year and again this year.

"Their commitment and support encourages me and my colleagues' endeavours to not only ensure the survival of one of the oldest agricultural shows in the land, but make it one of the very best."

"The ever popular tractor pulling also returns this year, highly acclaimed as the 'world's greatest motorsport'. Tractors of all shapes and sizes which have been greatly modified pit their wits against the huge sledge they have to pull down our specially made dragster track."

The Shropshire County Show will be back at the Berwick Road showground in Shrewsbury next month

Robert proud to follow father as show president

A NEW committee has been announced to oversee a country show that will return this autumn for its 134th year.

More than 10,000 people are expected to come through the gates at the Kington Show this year.

The huge one-day show is today held at the Penrhos showground, about a mile outside the town near the Shropshire border, but has been going since it was founded at the Recreation Ground in 1881.

Now this year's committee have been selected, including new president, Huntington farmer Robert Jones, who takes on the role held by his father, the late Harold Jones, exactly 30 years ago.

Mr Jones has been chairman and chief horse steward of the show for many years and is also Master of the Radnor and West Hunt. "It's a tremendous honour," he said. "Kington Show is an institution and we have a real passion for it.

Robert Jones has been chairman of Kington Show

"I am proud to know that I am following my father.

"Only five of us have followed our fathers in the history of the show."

As with other Kington Show presidents, Robert says that his father saw the presidency as the greatest honour of his life. He remembers visiting his father as he drove to Kington for an AGM.

"He was very ill, and I told him I would hand his apologies in."

Sadly, his father had died by the time he returned home that night. "The last thing he had said to me was to keep the show going," says Robert.

Other committee members include Nick Layton from Lyonshall, who will be serving his third and final year as chairmanandvice-chairman Richard Williams from Penrhos Farm.

Clare Edwards continues her role as general secretary.

Wendy Preece will carry on as membership secretary and taking over as livestock secretary will be Gaynor Kirkham-Painter, who farms near Hay-on-Wye.

Property

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Home is designed to the highest standards

Dan-Y-Coed, Penygarreg Lane, Pant near Oswestry, is an individually designed detached house built in 2007 by the present owners to the highest of specifications.
On an attractive large garden plot with views of the Shropshire Plain, it is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £420,000.
With double glazing and oil central heating it has a timber open porch, a reception hall with solid oak flooring, a lounge with an attractive fireplace with a solid wood burning stove and oak French doors out to a patio and views, and a study. There is a breakfast kitchen with large saucepan drawers and carousel draws and a solid oak breakfast bar, a dining area with solid oak flooring, a sun room with French doors and solid oak flooring, laundry, WC, and galleried landing.
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For further information contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit the website at www.jjdell.co.uk

Four bedroomed property is an ideal house for a family

An attractive, modern, larger type four bedroom detached family house, 5 Malt Rise, Crew Green, Shrewsbury, is on the market through Parry Lowarch for offers in the region of £229,000.
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Home has magnificent views of the Welsh countryside

A deceptively spacious three bedroom bungalow, The Holly & The Ivy, Commins Coch, Machynlleth, is being sold through McCartneys for £185,000.
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- Hallway, Bedroom with Ensuite,
- Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three
- Bathroom, Double Garage
- Parking, Gardens

Price: £250,000 **T: 01691 670 320**

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The Old School House

The Old School House is a most interesting, if not unique, period house of immense charm and character, set in one third of an acre of ground. Benefiting from a recent scheme of improvements.

- Hall, Sitting Room, School Room/Living Room
- Garden Room, Study/Home Office, Shower Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Pantry, Four Bedrooms
- Detached Oak Framed Double Garage with Playroom
- Gardens and Grounds, Ample Parking
- EPC Rating E

Price: £425,000 **T: 01691 670 320**

NEW Llansantffraid

Glandwr

This wonderful semi detached family home dates back to 1845. Offering an abundance of character and charm which complimented by its contemporary interiors. The property does come with the benefit of a good size garden and country views.

- Living Room, Home Office, Pantry
- Cloakroom, Cellar, Kitchen, Dining Room
- Utility Room, Boot Room
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- EPC Rating F

Price: £179,950 **T: 01691 670 320**

NEW Selattyn

Tyn Y Fedw

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a delightful detached cottage with a range of outbuildings and pasture paddocks extending to approximately 2 acres. Believed to be one of the oldest cottages in Selattyn the property offers characterful accommodation with the potential to extend (subject to permissions). EPC Rating G.

- Hall, Kitchen Lounge, Sitting/Dining Room
- Boot Room, Shower Room, Two Bedrooms
- Stable blocks, outbuildings and garage/barn
- Located within a most popular village

Price: £325,000 **T: 01691 670 320**

NEW Llansilin

Graigwen Cottage

Nestled into the hillside, this detached country cottage and its elevated position benefits from magnificent far reaching views of the surrounding Countryside including the imposing Berwyn Mountains. Sitting centrally within its 5 acres of land. EPC Rating D.

- Hall, Kitchen Breakfast Room, Rear Entrance
- Scullery, Living and Dining Area, Formal Lounge
- Office/Bedroom Four, Bedroom One with Ensuite
- Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Bathroom
- Box Room, Three Garages, Workshops

Price: £395,000 **T: 01691 670 320**

Llanfihangel

Llwyn-Y-Moelgau

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a lovely farmhouse located within its own little idyll which is being sold with the benefit of detached outbuildings, large stone barn and 15 acres of land. EPC Rating E.

- Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility, Shower Room
- Sitting Room, Dining Room, Garden Room
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Store Room
- Detached Workshop, Granary
- Open Bay Hay Store, Detached Barn

Price: £495,000 **T: 01691 670 320**

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Waen Cottage

A charming four bedroom detached country cottage situated in approximately 1.280 acres of splendid gardens and grounds. The cottage enjoys the attributes of a modern living environment, complimented by traditional features.

- Four Bedrooms (Two With En-Suites)
- Two Reception Rooms
- Detached Garage and Parking
- Paddock and Gardens
- Approx. 1.280 Acres
- Current EPC Rating D

Price: £395,000 **T: 01691 670 320**

Nr Treflach

Sycamore Cottage

This detached country home is situated in a most peaceful rural location. Set in approximately two acres this extended and renovated cottage must be viewed to appreciate the spacious and characterful accommodation.

- Two Reception Rooms
- Master & Ensuite
- Three further Bedrooms
- Paddock and Gardens
- Current EPC Rating F

Price: £394,950 **T: 01691 670 320**

NEW Penybonfawr

Wern Ddu Farm

A wonderful opportunity to purchase an immaculate and well appointed detached house which dates back to the 1880's. Accompanied by a range of outbuildings and 5.5 acres. In the most picturesque rural location with the well known Welsh landmarks, Lake Vyrnwy and Llanrhaeadr Waterfall nearby. EPC Rating E.

- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility
- WC, Conservatory, Master Bedroom Ensuite
- Bedroom Two with Ensuite, Bedroom Three
- Bathroom, Workshops, Gardens

Price: £395,000 **T: 01691 670 320**

Candy

The Old Mill

This handsome former mill comprises a spacious family home, large self contained annexe, outbuildings and nine acres of land including cottage style gardens, pasture and woodland. Situated in an enchanting and delightful rural location.

- Substantial Detached Property
- 9 Acres of Gardens and Grounds
- Wonderful Rural Location
- Must See to Appreciate
- Current EPC Rating D

Price: £725,000 **T: 01743 236 444**

Llynclys

Blymhill Villa

This imposing 1930's detached FIVE bedroom family home offers immaculate and spacious accommodation which boasts original features in all rooms. South East Facing with views to the Heritage railway and countryside beyond,

- Warmed by Oil Fired Central Heating
- UPVC double glazing throughout
- Excellent commuter links
- Glorious Countryside Walks
- EPC Rating E

Price: £329,950 **T: 01691 670 320**

Oswestry

Ferrers Road

A lovely detached Town House with original features and parking. The accommodation is warmed by gas fired central heating. EPC Rating D.

- Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Cloakroom
- Living Room, Sitting Room, Study
- Kitchen Dining Room, External Utility Room
- Bedroom One, Bathroom, Bedroom Two
- Shower Room, Parking, Courtyard Garden

Price: £164,940 **T: 01691 670 320**

Llangedwyn

Y Berllan

This three bedroom mid terrace semi rural family home has been extended to provide spacious living accommodation. the property is warmed by oil fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing.

- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge
- Dining Family Kitchen, Utility Room
- First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Lovely Rear Garden
- Tree House. EPC D

Price: £149,950 **T: 01691 670 320**

St Martins

Sandycroft, Cottage Fields

This three bedroom detached bungalow is situated in a most popular and quiet residential area with countryside walks on the doorstep. Situated on a corner plot this bungalow is warmed by oil fired central heating. EPC Rating D.

- Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Bedroom One with En-suite Shower Room
- Two Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage

Excellent Quiet Cul-de-sac location, Gardens

Price: £179,950 **T: 01691 670 320**

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- Oswestry, 2x Retirement Ap't £300pcm/£400pcm
- Oswestry, 1 Bed Ap't £450pcm
- Oswestry, 2 Bed Mid Terr £475pcm
- Oswestry, 2 Bed House £475pcm
- Chirk, 3 Bed House £525pcm
- Oswestry, 2 Bed Terrace £550pcm
- Oswestry, 3 Bed End Terr £550pcm
- Llanrhaeadr, 3 Bed Bung £550pcm
- Whittington, 3 Bed House £575pcm
- Chirk Bank, 3 Bed Semi £595pcm
- Llynclys, 3 Bed Bungalow £600pcm
- Oswestry, 3 Bed Townhouse £675pcm
- Whittington, 3 Bed Det £725pcm
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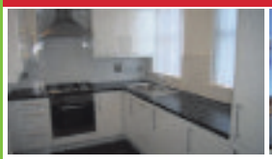


- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom. EPC B.
- Gas Central Heating
- High Specification
- Includes Carpets & Blinds
- Off Road Parking

£99,950

OSWESTRY

- Retirement Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Second Floor. EPC C
- House Manager
- Communal Gardens
- Communal Lounge

£109,950

LLANFYLLIN

- Gas Central Heating
- Double glazing throughout
- Delightful Mid Terrace
- One/Two Bedrooms EPC E
- Many Original Features
- Wood Burning Stove
- Courtyard Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Popular Location

£115,000

OSWESTRY

- No chain
- Well Maintained
- Two Bedrooms. EPC C.
- Semi-detached House
- Gas Central Heating
- FTB or Investors

£115,795

OSWESTRY

- NO CHAIN!!
- Victorian End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Recently Redecorated
- Newly Carpeted
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

£119,000

PANT

- Three Bedrooms
- Family Home
- Former Public House
- Completely Refurbished
- Ample Off-Road Parking
- Many Original Features
- Large Kitchen/Diner
- Oil Central Heating. EPC E

£240,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- 1/3 of an Acre
- Detached Double Garage
- Views to Rear. EPC D.
- Oil Central Heating

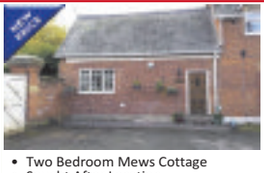
£239,950

OSWESTRY

- Modern Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Single Garage And Parking
- Low Maintenance Garden
- Popular Location

£129,950

OSWESTRY



- Two Bedroom Mews Cottage
- Sought After Location
- Private Garden. EPC C.
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room
- Gas C.H. & uPVC D.G.

Offers in the region of £132,000

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- Gas Central Heating
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Garage & Parking. EPC D.
- Upvc D.G & Gas C.H
- Sought After Location

Asking price £250,000

OSWESTRY

- WITH NO CHAIN!
- Detached dormer bungalow
- Two/ Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Parking

Offers over £150,000

OSWESTRY

- Mid Terraced Town House
- Three Bedrooms. EPC D.
- Two Reception Rooms
- Pleasant Outlook

£142,500

PANT

- WITH NO CHAIN!!
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Well Maintained. EPC D.
- Spacious Accommodation
- Single Garage & Driveway

£149,950

PARK HALL

- TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION!!
- Spacious terraced cottage
- Three bedrooms
- Garage. EPC E.
- Private position
- Popular location

Guide price £140,000

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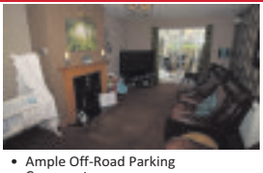
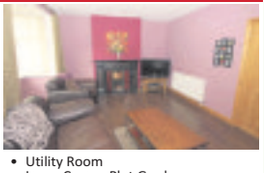


- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- Three Bedroom. EPC D.
- Semi-Detached
- Ample Off-Road Parking
- Conservatory
- Utility Room

£159,995

CHIRK



- Large Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Master Bedroom Ensuite
- Utility Room
- Large Corner Plot Garden
- Ample Off-Road Parking

£225,000

MORDA

- Five Bedroom Detached
- Executive Family Home
- Popular Location. EPC C.
- Three Bathrooms

£259,950

FOUR CROSSES

- NO CHAIN!!
- Superb Canal Side Property
- Three Bedroom Detached
- Southerly Outlook

£288,000

MEIFOD

- Character Country Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Rural Location
- Many Original Features

£350,000

CHIRK

- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite & Bathroom
- Conservatory. EPC C.

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LLANGEDWYN

- WITH NO CHAIN!!
- Detached barn conversion
- Separate detached annexe
- Great income potential

£375,000

OSWESTRY

- NO CHAIN!!!
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Well Presented

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3 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
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UTILITY ROOM
EPC RATING
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NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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PLANNING PERMISSION
CONVENIENT LOCATION
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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Malory Road Oswestry
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING C
£124,950

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2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
ORIGINAL FEATURES
EPC RATING E
£119,950

NEW
College Road Oswestry
3 BED END TERRACE
OFF ROAD PARKING
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING D
£114,950

NEW
Upper Brook Street Oswestry
2 BED TOWN HOUSE
NO CHAIN
TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
EPC RATING D
£109,950

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3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
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- Gas fired central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating

Sweeney Drive
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- A well presented and spacious 4 Bedroom Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory
- Kitchen, Utility, Cloaks, 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) and Family Bathroom
- Driveway parking, single garage and well maintained front and rear gardens
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating C

Oak Drive
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- An immaculately presented 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room with Walk In Pantry, • Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms (2 of which are double) and Family Bathroom
- Driveway parking and garage together with a private enclosed rear garden.
- Gas fired central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating

Daywell
Nr Gobowen **£110,000**

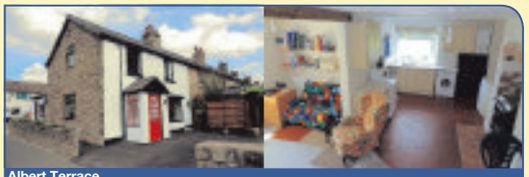
- 2 bedroom cottage situated in an idyllic rural setting
- Substantial modernisation works have been carried out on the property
- Entrance Hall/Dining Room, Kitchen, Lounge, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Parking area, uPVC double glazing and solid fuel central heating throughout.

Hampton Fields
Oswestry **£224,995**

- A spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Standing in a good size plot within
- Walking distance of the town centre yet also being on the local bus route.
- Entrance Porch, Inner Entrance Hall, Living/Dining Room
- Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Landscaped rear garden with water feature, off-road parking and double garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating

Glentworth Avenue
Oswestry **£220,000**

- Spacious and well appointed 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Situated on a generous plot on the edge of Oswestry town
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Sun Room, 4 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Good size front and rear gardens, driveway and garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating



Albert Terrace
Weston Rhyn **£134,950**

- Spacious 3 Bed End-Terrace Cottage
- Offers the potential for a separate 1 bed ground floor annex
- Open plan Living/Dining/Kitchen, Separate Studio/Utility
- Ground floor Bathroom/Bedrm, 3 1st floor Bedrooms & Bathrm
- Gardens & parking. D/G & Gas C/H. EPC 'D'

Vyrnwy Road
Oswestry **£144,995**

- A beautifully appointed 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility
- 2 Bedrooms (master en-suite), and Bathroom.
- Landscaped rear garden comprising flower beds,
- Patio and lawned garden with meandering pathway.
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating

Old Chirk Road
Gobowen **£219,995**

- A large 3 Bedroom Detached Family Home standing in established gardens
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Shower Room, Rear Hall
- 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate WC.
- Private gardens enclosed by mature hedgerows
- detached garage and lean-to. Off road parking
- Double glazing & Gas C/H. EPC Rating D

Bronygarth Road
Weston Rhyn **£400,000**

- Believed to date from 1903 this substantial family property offers a host of features typical of the Edwardian period
- Excellent Veranda, Entrance Hall, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Utility, Study/Living Room
- Large Gallery Landing, Five Bedrooms (Two En-Suite) and a Family Bathroom.
- Mature landscaped gardens and orchard offer total privacy and are bordered by a small stream overlooking open countryside. EPC Rating D

Brydges Gate
Llandrinio **£350,000**

- A well appointed and attractive 4 Bedroom Detached House
- Situated in an enviable cul-de-sac location with views towards Llanymynech Rock, Rodney's Pillar and surrounding open countryside.
- Entrance Hallway, Cloakroom, Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility Room, Conservatory,
- 4 Double Bedrooms, 2 En-Suite Bathrooms, Family bathroom and Double garage
- Lead lighted double glazed windows and oil central heating. EPC Rating D
- Set in a generous plot with a large brick driveway and spacious double garage

Holbache Gardens
Oswestry **£340,000**

- A substantial detached 3 storey, 5 bedroom modern property
- Situated close to the heart of Oswestry town centre
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility
- Master Bedroom (En-Suite), 4 further Bedrooms and 2 further Bathrooms
- Externally the property benefits from an enclosed rear garden
- Good size drive bounded by brick walls and ornate railings
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating C

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Dame Stephanie at the former Oswestry Girls High School

Dame Stephanie visited the Croeswylan Stone during her nostalgic tour of Oswestry

A large audience attended Dame Stephanie's LitFest event

Dame's town tribute

Dame Stephanie Shirley at The Lion Quays Hotel

The loving welcome Dame Stephanie received in Oswestry shaped her adult life

With John Waine at the Wilfred Owen Memorial

Dame Stephanie's LitFest appearance was sold out

Dame Stephanie Shirley talks about her new book

ONE of the world's most fascinating millionaires took a walk in the sun around Oswestry and revealed that it was her upbringing there that has shaped her life.

Report by Sue Austin

Dame Stephanie Shirley is known more for getting rid of her personal fortune than she is for making it.

Over the past 20 years she says she is proud to have given away £57 million and says it is all thanks to the love she was given in the town of Oswestry.

It was a nostalgic return for Dame Stephanie, who toured the town after attending Oswestry Literary Festival to talk about her autobiography, Let it Go, which tells how as a computer and business genius she became the 11th richest woman in the UK and went on to give much of her fortune away.

She arrived in Britain in 1939 as an unaccompanied child refugee, part of the 'kindertransport' project that helped Jewish children flee from Germany and spent time living in Oswestry being cared for by an 'Aunty and Uncle'.

In a walkabout around Oswestry town centre with LitFest founder John Waine, Dame Stephanie told him that it was in the town that she found peace.

He took her on a trip down Memory Lane with visits to her old school – the former Oswestry Girls High School now the Beresford Gardens apartments, and the boarding house, known as Oakhurst, on the other side of town.

"She was thrilled at visiting her old school and told showed me where the geography room had been and also the music room," Mr Waine said.

"She also wanted to see the Croeswylan Stone, the remains of the cross that was placed at the edge of the town at the time of the plague.

The Dame was also taken to the war memorial on the Cae Glas Park gates as well as the individual memorials to servicemen in the park itself.

Dame Stephanie told of her rise to riches during her LitFest appearance at the Lion Quays Hotel near Oswestry.

In 1962, she set up a technology company with just £6.

When her company peaked in the 1980s, it was worth £150 million.

The 81-year-old told the LitFest audience it was her childhood in Shropshire that led her on the path to becoming a philanthropist.

After being educated in Oswestry she went on to establish the computer software company F.I. Group and her team's projects included programming Concorde's black box flight recorder, among other projects.

The full house listening to her talk about her memoirs was delighted to hear this formidable woman credit her childhood in the town as being one of the factors that has led to her giving away more than £50 million to good causes after she retired at the age of 60.

Dame Stephanie said: "My father was a Jewish judge in Dortmund. Shortly after my birth he was fired by the order of the Third Reich.

"My parents did a very brave thing sending me on the kinder transport thinking never to see me again, and that is an extraordinary thing to think about with parental love. My mother did the most loving thing she could do which was to let me go and let someone else look after me.

"I arrived in July 1939 stateless penniless and without a word of English." Young Stephanie was fostered by a couple which she called Uncle and Aunty and grew up in Oswestry, first in Ferrer Road, then Hampton Road, and then Oakhurst Avenue.

When she was 12 she started at Oswestry Girls High School, where she discovered a love of maths and science.

The welcome Dame Stephanie received in Oswestry changed the course of her life.

"I am only alive because so long ago I was helped by generous strangers," she said. "The Quakers organised the train and paid Aunty and Uncle some money every week. I do thank all the uncles and aunties that helped us through those terrible times."

But her desire to help was also guided by her son, Giles, who was severely autistic and died when he was aged 35 after an epileptic fit.

She said: "There is no right or wrong way to endure the pain, but autism has become an ongoing concern.

"I set myself a target of having enough to look after Giles.

"That was £10 million, and that was the first time I really took an interest in money."

Now Dame Stephanie spends her time donating her money and time to good causes, particularly those to do with autism and IT, where she amassed her fortune.

The evening was the final event in this year's Oswestry LitFest, acting as an encore to the main event.

Roger keeps on trucking as he builds up collection

This Sentinel lorry ran away down Harley Bank, near Much Wenlock, around the late 1920s. The photo was loaned to Mr Pickering by Scoltock's of Much Wenlock

Mr Pickering thinks this 1960s photo of a lorry operated by Ed Turner and Son Ltd corn merchants of Market Street, Wellington, is rare

ROGER Pickering has a lorra lorries – around 20,000 and counting.

Over the years he has built up an enormous photographic collection showing vehicles operated by Shropshire haulage firms and vintage lorries. But he wants to build it up further, and particularly find some of those elusive pictures which help complete the jigsaw.

"I've got pictures of vintage lorries over all the area. I've stuff that is as rare as the day is long. I'm after some more stuff," said Roger, of New Street, Dawley.

"I spent all of my life mending trucks and doing photography. I was an HGV fitter. Now that I am retired I have time to work on my collection."

Roger, who is 62, worked as a civilian at REME, Donnington.

"I worked for Midland Red and various haulage firms. The best job I ever had was with the Post Office at Wellington and Shrewsbury. It was a good firm to work for, well managed, with good money, good conditions, and a good pension. I was a mechanic working on all the vans and lorries.

"I stuck mainly with lorries.

"When I finished at the Post Office I went to the Vehicle Inspectorate in the testing station in Shrewsbury, testing vehicles to make sure they were safe."

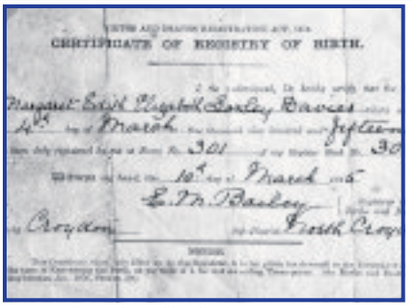
He has built up about 70 photograph albums and has three big filing cabinets.

"I dread to think how many pictures I've got – about 20,000, I would think." Roger is appealing for anybody with old photos which he could copy for his collection to contact him on (01952) 506327.

The photos go back to before the war, but like many a collector, he has that enduring frustration of not having the "complete set". "I want to collect most of the Shropshire hauliers. Nobody has a complete set. If I don't do it, some of the people I want pictures from are going to be dead and gone, and the pictures will be gone. Who remembers Lees Hiring Company, just up the road? They had a huge garage at Red Lake. I haven't a single picture of them. There are a lot of haulage people who have disappeared. I have no pictures of Wrekin Carriers.

"Then there's the Russells Rubber Works vehicles, and A.F. Stones of Dawley, who used to haul for the Lilleshall Company.

"I'm kicking the idea about of putting the pictures in a book, but it's just an idea at the moment."



The birth certificate of John's mother

The battleship HMS Formidable which sank in 1915

Edmund Thomas Davies, the Yeoman of Signals

A formidable tale of heroic grandfather

AS the battleship HMS Formidable slid beneath the waves, Captain Arthur Loxley, accompanied by his faithful Airedale terrier Bruce, stayed at his post along with the second in command and a signaller, and all went down with their ship.

John Marsh of Telford and his brothers knew nothing of that. They knew that their mother's father, Edmund Thomas Davies, died at sea before she was born during the Great War.

And one of her middle names, Loxley, was of mild interest to them.

"When we asked her about it she said that was the name of the captain of the ship on which her dad went down," said John, from Aqueduct. However, she never really spoke of her father. "She didn't say much, as people of that age did not."

It was only after going through her things on her death that they began to unravel the full tragic story of her unusual name and the aftermath which, it is said, inspired a much-loved canine creation – Lassie.

John's mother, born Margaret Edith Elizabeth Loxley Davies would, had she lived, been 100 on March 4 this year. She was 88 when she died.

While clearing through her things at her house in Stirchley, the family came across a book published in 1915 called "Captain Loxley's Little Dog," which John thinks she must have been given as a child.

"It was written as if by the dog. We thought – Captain Loxley? Oh. That's mother's name. My brother Robert, being more internet savvy than myself, turned up the story of the sinking of HMS Formidable."

Discovering an account that said that Captain Loxley, the second in command, and a signaller, stayed at their posts, they put the pieces together. Their grandfather had been Yeoman of Signals, and they think he would have been that signaller who remainedto the end.

"That's what we believe. We like to believe that as well," said John, who is 71.

MEMORY LANE

Report by Toby Neal

His grandmother was Edith Lydia Davies, and had lived in Croydon. She must have been heavily pregnant at the time her husband died on January 1, 1915.

"I did know her, but she died when I was about five or six."

As part of his researches John and his wife took a break in Lyme Regis, where there is a museum which has a display about the sinking of HMS Formidable, which happened in the English Channel about 30 miles south of the town. The battleship was hit twice by torpedoes fired by a U-boat. A total of 547 of her crew died.

Captain Loxley, who survivors said stayed on the bridge smoking his pipe as the ship sank, was one of three Loxley brothers to be killed in the war. His body was never found but Bruce was washed ashore and was buried in a pet cemetery. Nor was the body of John's grandfather found.

His research has been a journey of discovery about his family history.

"It's been fascinating, and I'm quite proud, but it also leaves some questions. It's bad enough having somebody killed in action. What must have been going through his mind at the time, knowing his wife was going to give birth in a couple of months? He knew he wasn't going to survive."

A pinnacle from HMS Formidable beached at Lyme Regis and one of the sailors, Able Seaman John Cowan, appeared to be dead and was taken to the cellar of the Pilot Boat Inn, which was being used as a temporary mortuary.

"The landlord's dog, called Lassie, wouldn't leave him alone. It was licking his face and nuzzling him.

"Eventually somebody realised that this guy was not dead and was showing signs of life. While he recovered, he and the dog became inseparable. Local folklore would have it that Hollywood got to hear about this, hence the tales of Lassie the miracle dog being turned into Hollywood films."

John Marsh and his grandfather's medals

Vic's memories of glory days in football from the 1940s

DAWLEY United, Dawley Dynamos, Lancaster Swifts, Newdale United . . . they are just a handful of the football teams from the Telford area from yesteryear.

And now one of those footballers of the old days is aiming to compile a "full house" of teams from the mid-1940s and is seeking help in doing so.

Vic Tonks has come up with over 40 teams but appreciates that there will be many more which have slipped his memory.

"Keith Stephan ran Dawley Dynamos. He did play for Wellington at one time. Lancaster Swifts were from Lancaster Avenue in Dawley. Ken Dorricott used to run them and then there was Holy Trinity of Dawley which Mr Brown out of Station Road used to run.

"I played 25 years' football locally for various teams such as Horsehay Albion – we had some fantastic players there – Dawley Youth Club, Dawley Athletic, Newdale United and Hinkshay United. I used to play left back, mainly. I will be 83 this year."

Horsehay Albion in 1948 with Vic front, third from left

Vic says he has compiled the list to generate some interest and also in the hope that people will contact him – he's on (01952) 502144 – to come up with more teams.Here is the list of Telford area football teams from the mid-1940s on as Vic remembers them: Dawley United, Dawley Athletic, Dawley Youth Club, Dawley Dynamos, Dawley Rovers, Dawley Juniors, Horsehay Albion, Moreton Coppice, Holy Trinity (Dawley), Ironbridge Youth Club, Buildwas Albion. Lancaster Swifts, St Georges JACS ("I never knew what that stood for"), Priorslee, Oakengates Youth Club, Oakengates Congregational, Hinkshay United, Stirchley United, Madeley Miners Welfare, Broseley Athletic, Dark Lane, Old Park, Lilleshall Miners Welfare.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

THE CLUES

1322 is an animal
57796 is a bird
5345678 is a fish

Your time:

X is to Y

(2)

1. Water is to H_2O as Methane is to ?
CH_4, C_3PO, H_2SO_4, K_2, P_2O

2. Nykvarn is to Stockholm as Asker is to ?
COPENHAGEN, HELSINKI, MOSCOW, OSLO, GDANSK

3. Shardik is to Otter as Fiver is to ?
BADGER, BUDGIE, HAMSTER, RABBIT, SHARK

Your time:

Mindbender

(4)

Of all the emails Alan received in a week, 55% plus thirteen were work-related and a quarter minus seven were not. If he also received eighteen items of spam, how many emails did he get altogether?

Your time:

Mirror Image

(2)

Which of the four shapes below is an exact mirror image of the shape on the right?

A

B

C

D

Your time:

Split Decision

(3)

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

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A/O		L/O		T/L
D/Z	E/O	B/A	T/R	A/H
W/E		I/B		W/R
D/R	A/C	S/N	C/X	S/E

Your time:

IMPOSSIPUZZLES

1. "Some new people have moved in down the road," said Greg. "Have you seen them?"
Judy shook her head. "No, do you know their house number?"
"A good question, and as a matter of fact I do," Greg replied. "The same two digits as ours, but ours is one less than three times theirs."
Well?

2. "The cakes were exactly two pounds, mummy," said Linda. "I got three sorts."
Mary smiled. "That sounds reasonable. What were the prices?"
"Twelve pence, seventeen pence, and nineteen pence," the girl replied. "And I bought most of the cheapest."
How many had she bought?

3. "You've got that old coat on again," said Joan, when Andy came in. "It's time you got a new one, and also a new hat."
Andy laughed. "I like them," he told her. "The hat is just three times as old as the coat was when the hat was as old as the coat is now."
"You and your riddles!" Joan shook her head. "Anyway, I do know their ages total twenty years."
How old was the coat?

SUDOKU

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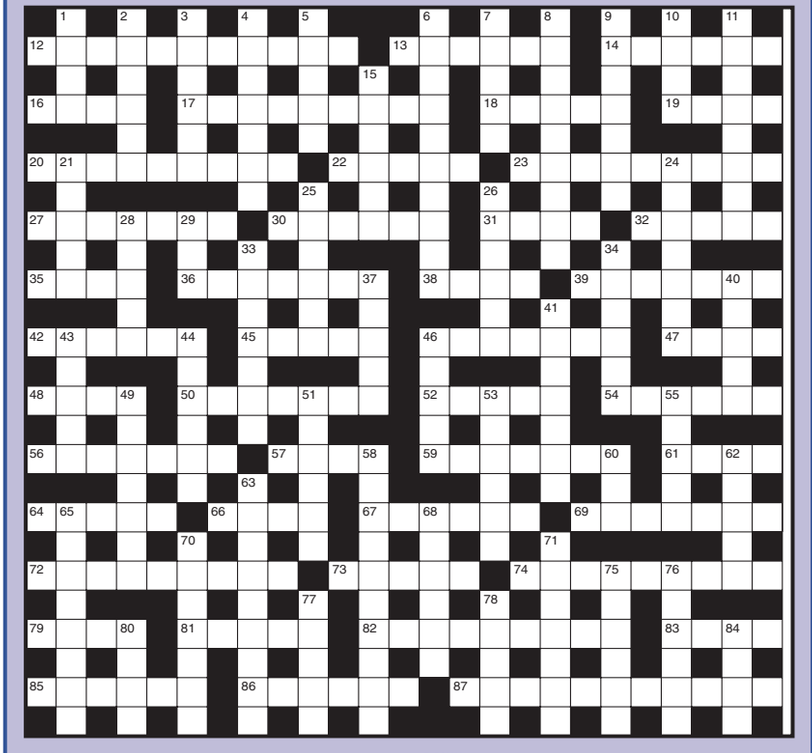


ACROSS

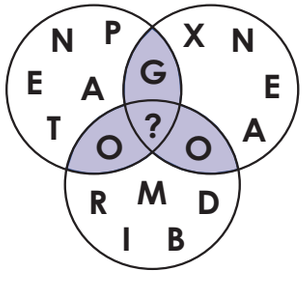
12 Very quickly (2,4,2,3)
13 Tiny (6)
14 Profit (6)
16 Work (4)
17 Deducing (9)
18 Concluded (5)
19 Question (4)
20 Officer (5,4)
22 Swindle (5)
23 Goes on (9)
27 Treatment (7)
30 Accuse (6)
31 Animals (4)
32 Saw (5)
35 Split (4)
36 Splash (7)
38 Deceived (4)
39 Opposite (7)
42 Amends (6)
45 Bird (5)
46 Lumbered (7)
47 Miss (4)
48 Catch (4)
50 Made (7)
52 Board (3,2)
54 Shake (6)
56 Observe (7)
57 Moist (4)
59 Flood (7)
61 Beat (4)
64 Golf club (5)
66 Job (4)
67 Deal with (6)
69 Politeness (7)
72 Put back (9)
73 Cash (5)
74 Eradicates (6,3)
79 Company (4)
81 Tweak (5)
82 Did the trick (6,3)
83 Tilt (4)
85 Sound (6)
86 Idea (6)
87 Boss about (5,6)

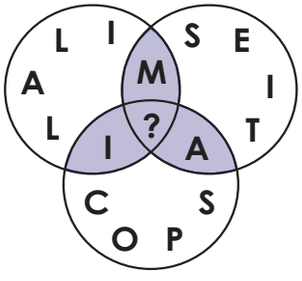
DOWN

1 Shut up (4)
2 Overlooks (6)
3 Headache (6)
4 Channels (7)
5 Inundate (5)
6 Reminds (5,1,4)
7 Healed (5)
8 Expounded (4,5)
9 Dryness (7)
10 Pace (4)
11 Opening (8)
15 Dry up (6)
21 Angry (5)
24 Children (7)
25 Imprisoned (4,2)
26 Chum (6)
28 Fabric (5)
29 Fuel (3)
33 Tries (7)
34 Offer (6)
37 Assessed (5)
40 Picture (5)
41 Material (7)
43 Weapon (5)
44 Zone (6)
46 See (5)
49 Descended (3,4)
51 Drinks to (6)
53 Sharply (6)
55 Claw (5)
58 Suggest (3,7)
60 Drink (3)
62 Greek island (5)
63 Lucky (9)
65 Former (8)
68 Fruit (6)
70 Bung (7)
71 Harden (7)
75 Female name (6)
76 Bar (6)
77 Utter (5)
78 Tired (5)
80 Little bit (4)
84 Launched (4)

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?





ALPHAMUDDLE

Rearrange the letters to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed to start you off.

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A	U	N	S	E
P	E	A	N	T
T	A	L	E	S

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SOLUTIONS

9-er
Goose, Gudgeon.
X is to Y
1. CH4, 2. Oslo, 3. Rabbit.
Mindbender
One hundred and twenty emails.
Mirror Image
C is the mirror image.
Split Decision >

G	E	R	M	S
A		O		T
Z	E	B	R	A
E		I		R
D	A	N	C	E

Crossword
ACROSS: 1 No time at all. 13 Minute. 14 Return. 16 Opus. 17 Reasoning. 18 Ended. 19 Pump. 20 First mate. 22 Cheat. 23 Continues. 27 Massage. 30 Charge. 31 Rats. 32 Spied. 35 Tear. 36 Splatter. 38 Lied. 39 Reverse. 42 Alters. 45 Pipit. 46 Saddled. 47 Skip. 48 Snag. 50 Created. 52 Get on. 54 Rattle. 56 Mention. 57 Damp. 59 Torrent. 61 Lick. 64 Spoon. 66 Post. 67 Tackle. 69 Manners. 72 Reinstate. 73 Money. 74 Stamps out. 79 Firm. 81 Pinch. 82 Worked for. 83 List. 85 Rustle. 86 Theory. 87 Order around.

DOWN: 1 Coop. 2 Misses. 3 Megrim. 4 Straits. 5 Flood. 6 Rings a bell. 7 Cured. 8 Held forth. 9 Aridity. 10 Step. 11 Premiere. 15 Wither. 21 Irate. 24 Nippers. 25 Shut up. 26 Friend. 28 Serge. 29 Gas. 33 Samples. 34 Tender. 37 Rated. 40 Still. 41 Flannel. 43 Lance. 44 Sector. 46 Sight. 49 Got down. 51 Toasts. 53 Tardy. 55 Talon. 58 Put forward. 60 Tea. 62 Corfu. 63 Fortunate. 65 Previous. 68 Cherry. 70 Stopper. 71 Stiffen. 75 Miriam. 76 Saloon. 77 Sheer. 78 Weary. 80 Mite. 84 Sent.

Impossipuzzles
1. House numbers 14 and 41; 2. 14 cakes: 8 at 12p, 5 at 17p, 1 at 19p; 3. 8 years old

Circlegram
A: The letter represented by the question mark is H. Hepbagon, Hexagon, Rhomboid, all geometric shapes.
B: The letter represented by the question mark is S. Millais, Matisse, Picasso, all artists.

Alphamuddle
Vault, Agree, Urban, Leaps, Tense.

Sudoku

2	5	9	3	1	7	8	6	4
3	7	1	8	4	6	5	9	2
6	4	8	5	9	2	3	1	7
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4	3	5	1	2	8	6	7	9
8	9	2	7	6	5	4	3	1
1	6	7	9	3	4	2	5	8

Match of the Day Live
5.05pm
Arsenal v Reading (Kick-off 5.20pm). Gary Lineker introduces coverage of the opening FA Cup semi-final at Wembley Stadium. The Royals have not had to face a single top-flight club on their way to this stage, and there are few positive omens they can take into this match against the Gunners.

Live Snooker: The World Championship
7pm
Jason Mohammad presents coverage of the concluding session on the opening day of the ranking tournament at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. The commentary team includes Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne and Stephen Hendry.

Play to the Whistle
9.15pm
Team captains Bradley Walsh and Frank Lampard are joined by comedians Sean Lock and Romesh Ranganathan, former England cricketer Graeme Swann and Women's Super League star Alex Scott, in a head-to-head contest featuring quizzes and physical games. Holly Willoughby hosts.

Walking Through History: Northumbria
7pm
Tony Robinson explores the history of the ancient kingdom on a walk from Melrose in the Scottish Borders to Holly Island off the coast of Northumberland. Over five days, he goes on the trail of one of Northumbria's greatest sons – Saint Cuthbert.

Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away
7.10pm
The return of the documentary giving an insight into the world of debt collection from the perspectives of debtors, creditors and those who collect the payments. Brian and Graham have been warned to expect trouble as they evict some tenants from a south London flat.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** James Martin is joined by chef Cyrus Todiwala and wine expert Olly Smith selects drinks to go with the dishes created in the studio.
11.30 **Paul Hollywood's Bread.** Master baker Paul Hollywood reveals the secrets to making breads from all over the world. (R)
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.10 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests begin the build-up from Wembley Stadium ahead of this weekend's FA Cup semi-finals.
1.00 **Live Gymnastics.** The 2015 European Artistic Gymnastics Individual Championships. Matt Baker presents coverage of the individual apparatus finals from the Park&Suites Arena in Montpellier, France.
3.30 **Live Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix – Qualifying.** Suzi Perry introduces coverage from the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir, where the fourth round of the season is set to take place (Start-time 4.00pm).
5.05 **Match of the Day Live.** Arsenal v Reading (Kick-off 5.20pm). Gary Lineker introduces coverage of the opening FA Cup semi-final at Wembley Stadium. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
7.25 **BBC News.**
7.35 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
7.45 **Atlantis.** Jason has been sentenced to death and it seems no one will be able to save him – until Hercules comes up with a plan that will require him to make a huge personal sacrifice.
8.30 **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton hosts the quiz in which contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by Kate Garraway, with Conor Maynard.
9.20 **Casualty.** A construction worker outside the hospital loses control of his digger, taking out the power in the ED and half-burying a young woman - who just happens to be his own daughter who had come to see him. Alfred is rushed in with pneumonia and when Connie insists the team don't intervene, Rita becomes suspicious. Cal receives a phone call from a distressed Taylor and finds her in a public toilet with a knife in her leg, having got mixed up with the wrong people. It's a bad wound and she is refusing to go to hospital, so he realises he needs Ethan's help. But things don't quite work out as expected.
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gabby Logan presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Chelsea v Manchester United and Leicester City v Swansea City; **National Lottery Update.**
11.40 **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two.
1.00 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.05 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.25 FILM: **The Silver Darlings (1947).** Period drama, starring Helen Shingler.
7.45 FILM: **Animal Farm (1954).** Animated drama, with the voice of Maurice Denham.
9.00 **FA Cup Rewind: Semi-Final Classics.** A look back at the memorable 1990 semi-finals.
10.00 **Live Snooker: The World Championship.** The opening session on day one in Sheffield.
11.55 **Michel Roux's Service.** The contestants serve Gok Wan, Sophie Ellis-Bextor and Diarmuid Gavin. (R)
12.55 **Live Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix – Third Practice.** Coverage from the Bahrain International Circuit, Sakhir.
2.05 **Live Snooker: The World Championship.** The afternoon session on day one at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
4.30 **Final Score.** A round-up of this afternoon's football results.
5.15 **Escape to the Continent.** A couple hoping to move to the Paphos district of Cyprus.
5.45 **Flog It!** James Lewis and Kate Bliss value items in Stroud, Gloucestershire. (R)
6.30 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don gives his borders a boost at Longmeadow, while James Alexander-Sinclair heads to Borde Hill Garden in West Sussex to visit its collection of award-winning magnolias. (R)
7.00 **Live Snooker: The World Championship.** The concluding session on the opening day of the ranking tournament at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first-round match involving Mark Selby reaches a conclusion.
8.00 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring tries to talk Frazer into depositing his hoard of gold sovereigns in a safe place – his own bank. Vintage comedy, with Arthur Lowe and John Laurie. (R)
8.30 FILM: **Jane Eyre (2011).** A governess falls in love with her mysterious employer, only to discover he is concealing a terrible secret. Period drama, with Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender and Jamie Bell.
10.20 **QI XL.** Extended edition. Jo Brand, Colin Lane, David Mitchell and Alan Davies attempt to answer host Stephen Fry's questions on the theme of landmarks. Last in the series.
11.05 **Snooker: The World Championship.** Highlights of the evening session on the opening day at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where two first-round matches were scheduled.
11.55 **Snooker: World Championship Extra.** Extended highlights of a first-round match from the opening day of the final ranking tournament of the season at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
1.55 FILM: **Father of My Children (2009).** Premiere. Drama, starring Louis-Do de Lencquesaing.
3.45 **Sign Zone: Antiques Roadshow.** (R)
4.45 **Sign Zone: The Truth About Calories.** (R)
5.45 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Bottom Knocker Street **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Canimals **7.15** Sooty **7.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story **7.35** Hulk and the Agents of Smash **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** New series. Chat show, with guests Pixie Lott, Jo Joyner and Texas.
9.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
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11.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
12.30 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.35 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
1.40 **Doc Martin.** The curmudgeonly GP struggles to come to terms with fatherhood. (R)
2.40 FILM: **Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles (2001).** The Australian adventurer heads for the bright lights of LA, where he and his wife take on a gang of international art thieves. Comedy sequel, with Paul Hogan and Linda Kozlowski.
4.30 **The Unforgettable Joan Sims.** Profile of the comedy actress. (R)
5.00 **Off Their Rockers.** Senior citizens play pranks on the public. Last in the series. (R)
5.30 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **New You've Been Framed! A-Z of Growing Up.** Harry Hill presents classic videos featuring youngsters across the world as he unveils his guidebook to growing up, from toddlers to teens.
7.00 **Ninja Warrior UK.** Contenders from across the nation test their strength, speed and courage in the second heat of the obstacle-course challenge, all hoping to progress to the semi-finals.
8.00 **Britain's Got Talent.** The search for a star continues as more auditionees try to win over Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon with their talents. Ant and Dec host.
9.15 **Play to the Whistle.** Captains Bradley Walsh and Frank Lampard are joined by guests Sean Lock, Graeme Swann, Alex Scott and Romesh Ranganathan. Holly Willoughby hosts the sports-based comedy panel show.
10.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.15 FILM: **Red Heat (1988).** A Russian detective and a Chicago cop put aside their mutual mistrust to catch an escaped Soviet drug baron. Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and James Belushi.
12.10 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside. (R)
3.40 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.00 **Close**
6.10 **How I Met Your Mother.**
6.35 **FIM Superbike World Championship.** Round three from Alcaniz, Spain.
7.05 **Brighton Marathon.** Highlights of the 2015 staging of the race.
8.00 **The Morning Line.** Alice Plunkett presents a look ahead to this afternoon's Scottish Grand National.
9.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert decides to propose to Amy. (R)
9.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray disciplines the twins. (R)
10.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray does charity work at a hospital. (R)
10.30 **Frasier.** (R)
11.00 **Frasier.** (R)
11.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R)
12.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Amy and Wil Wheaton get into a fight while filming Fun with Flags. (R)
12.30 **Marvel's Agents of SHIELD.** A shocking revelation fractures the team. (R)
1.30 **Channel 4 Racing featuring the Scottish Grand National from Ayr, and Newbury.** Including live coverage of the 3.45 Scottish Grand National.
4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Laetitia Kotsiopoulos hosts the first dinner party in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. (R)
4.45 **Come Dine with Me.** Eva Philippou hosts the second night in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. (R)
5.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Publican Randy Johnson hosts in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. (R)
5.50 **Come Dine with Me.** Sharon Wozniak hosts the fourth party in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. (R)
6.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Outspoken hairdresser Patrick McMurray hosts the final party in Sutton Coldfield, and prepares a scallop starter and a classic beef Wellington. (R)
6.45 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Walking Through History: Northumbria.** Tony Robinson explores the history of the ancient kingdom on a five-day walk from Melrose in the Scottish Borders to Holly Island off the coast of Northumberland. (R)
8.00 **The World's Most Extreme.** New series. The documentary visiting dangerous and exciting places around the globe takes a look at the 10 most extreme bridges, including the Millau Viaduct in southern France.
9.00 FILM: **X-Men: First Class (2011).** The first generation of the superhero team is brought together in the 1960s to avert a nuclear war. Superhero adventure prequel, starring James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender.
11.40 FILM: **In Fear (2013).** A couple get lost while driving through rural Ireland and are terrorised by mysterious figures lurking in the darkness. Horror, starring Iain De Caestecker and Alice Englert.
1.15 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** (R)
2.10 **Hollyoaks.** (R)
4.15 **Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites.**
4.30 **Double Your House for Half the Money.** (R)
5.20 **Sarah Beeny's Selling Houses.** (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.15** Milkshake! Monkey **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.35** Pip Ahoy! **6.45** The Mr Men Show **7.00** Chloe's Closet **7.10** Mio Mao **7.15** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.25** Make Way for Noddy **7.35** Paw Patrol **7.50** Little Princess **8.00** Wanda and the Alien **8.15** Zack and Quack **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.45** Jelly Jamm **9.00** LazyTown **9.30** Dora and Friends
10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R)
10.35 **Ice Road Truckers.** Lisa is forced to stop in the middle of a frozen lake. (R)
11.30 **Ice Road Truckers.** Art tenders his resignation. (R)
12.25 **Ice Road Truckers.** Lisa delivers a fire engine to St Theresa Point. (R)
1.25 **Police Interceptors.** The hunt for a suspected burglar takes an unexpected turn. (R)
2.25 **Police Interceptors.** A suspected drunk driver nearly causes a calamity. (R)
3.25 FILM: **Columbo: Make Me a Perfect Murder (1978).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk.
5.25 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** A wheelie bin and a birthday cake spark a bitter conflict between neighbours in Wales, and a Suffolk man's toxic cars are reported to the local environmental health office. (R)
6.20 **Britain's Horror Homes.** A woman from the Norfolk village of Happisburgh whose house had to be demolished after coastal erosion left it suspended in mid-air on the edge of a cliff. (R)
7.10 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Two enforcement agents make a shocking discovery in a child's bedroom during an eviction, and a debtor gets physical when he is visited over wages owed to a freelancer. (R)
8.10 **5 News Weekend.**
8.15 **NCIS.** The team tries to prove Ziva had nothing to do with a political assassination carried out by her former Mossad partner – but has to tackle the case without Gibbs's guidance. (R)
9.10 **NCIS.** Gibbs and the team attend the funeral of a fallen colleague before identifying the man they believe to be the port-to-port killer, and rushing to apprehend him. (R)
10.10 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** The team learns the suspect in the Gig Harbour killings is being released from jail due to lack of evidence, and DB's daughter Maya asks her father if she can return to Seattle.
11.10 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** A single murder quickly becomes a case involving three bodies, leaving Benson and Stabler hunting a killer whose motives seemingly stem from a misguided sense of righteousness. (R)
12.05 **SuperCasino.**
3.10 **The Gadget Show.** (R)
4.00 **200 Nips & Tucks and I Want More!** (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.15 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.20 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.30 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

Antiques Roadshow

8pm

Fiona Bruce and the team find a few treasures at Lowther Castle in Cumbria, including a 19th-century toy steamboat, a saucy illustration by English artist Lawson Wood, a lipstick and compact set evoking the glamour of 1920s Manhattan, and a rare letter providing a first-hand account of the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland.

Hunters of the South Seas

9pm

Indonesian speaker Will Millard discovers the Coral Triangle, interacting with indigenous communities to learn how they have thrived in spite of their extreme isolation. In the village of Sampela, home to 1,500 Bajau people, Will lives with spear fisherman Kabei and his family in their small stilt house.

Vera

8pm

When a body is dredged up from a slurry pit on a remote farm, the investigation forces owner Danny Pryor to admit he has a number of illegal Serbian workers on the payroll. A faded tattoo identifies the victim as Jack Reeves, a young man from the local travelling community.

A Place in the Sun: Home or Away

4.55pm

Joy and Phil Keep are contemplating a fresh start. Joy prefers a peaceful lifestyle in rural Lincolnshire, while Phil fancies living in a sun-drenched place such as Malta or Gozo. Experts Laura Hamilton and Jonnie Irwin show the couple desirable houses in both locations.

The Hotel Inspector Returns

12.35pm

Alex Polizzi returns to the White Hart in St Albans, Hertfordshire, a reputedly haunted 15th-century hotel run by husband and wife Ross and Jayne McBeath, who had taken the ghoulish inspiration to extremes with novelty plastic skeletons and a horror-themed menu.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.45 **Match of the Day.** Gabby Logan presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Chelsea v Manchester United and Leicester City v Swansea City. (R)
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **The Big Questions.** Nicky Campbell presents moral and religious discussion on topical issues from Manor Church of England Academy in York.
11.00 **Sunday Politics.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team.
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Bargain Hunt.** The teams head to Edinburgh. (R)
2.00 **Lifeline.** An appeal on behalf of Thrive, presented by Kim Wilde.
2.10 **Points of View.** Viewers' comments.
2.25 **Songs of Praise.** Claire McCollum celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Pennine Way.
3.00 **Live Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix.** Suzi Perry introduces coverage from the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir, where the fourth race of the season is set to take place (Start-time 4.00pm).
6.05 **Celebrity Mastermind.** John Humphrys quizzes Pete Firman, Paul Martin, Jaye Griffiths and Pete Reed on the subjects of Tommy Cooper, rock drummers 1970-2000, Ayrton Senna and the Lord of the Rings films. (R)
6.35 **BBC News.**
6.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
7.00 **Countryfile.** An exploration of British woodlands, examining the effects of CO2 on forest life, how trimming trees is allowing them to bloom and what people can do to prevent disease in trees. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the team visit Lowther Castle in Cumbria, where items include a make-up set from the 1920s, an unusual letterbox and a stuffed dog with an aristocratic pedigree.
9.00 **Poldark.** The smelting company suffers as a result of George's tough business dealings. Ross and Francis fall out over Verity, while Mark returns home early to an unwelcome surprise.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Gabby Logan reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v West Ham United.
11.20 **Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights.** Aston Villa v Liverpool. Steve Bower presents the key moments from the second semi-final at Wembley Stadium.
11.55 **FILM: The Uninvited (2009).** A teenager released from a mental institution begins to suspect her stepmother may have caused her mother's death in a fire. Thriller, starring Emily Browning and Arielle Kebbel.
1.15 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.20 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.15 **The Football League Show.** Highlights of the latest games in the Championship, League One and League Two. (R)
7.35 **The A to Z of TV Gardening.** (R)
8.00 **Gardeners' World.** James Alexander-Sinclair visits Borde Hill Garden in West Sussex. (R)
8.30 **The Beechgrove Garden.**
9.00 **FA Cup Rewind: Semi-Final Classics.** A look back at memorable semi-finals from 1977 and 1997.
10.00 **Live Snooker: The World Championship.** The opening session on day two at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
12.00 **Back in Time for Dinner.** The Robshaws get to grips with the home life and food of the 1990s. (R)
1.00 **Food & Drink.** Tom Kerridge is joined by fellow chef Glynn Purnell. Last in the series. (R)
1.30 **Live Gymnastics.** The 2015 European Artistic Gymnastics Individual Championships.
4.00 **Live Snooker: The World Championship.** From the Crucible.
6.00 **Penguins on a Plane: Great Animal Moves.** Part two of two. The transportation of exotic animals around the world, following saltwater crocodiles from France to Oxfordshire and two arctic wolves from Hungary to Scotland. (R)
7.00 **Live Snooker: The World Championship.** Coverage of the evening session on day two of the final ranking tournament of the season, featuring the conclusion of two first-round matches at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
8.10 **Coast Australia.** The south-west corner of the country, where Neil Oliver retraces the steps of six Irish prisoners-of-conscience and Brendan Moar finds out about a botanical pioneer.
9.00 **Hunters of the South Seas.** New series. Will Millard visits the Bajau people of Sampela, Indonesia, and lives with spear fisherman Kabei and his family, experiencing their unique way of life.
10.00 **Bluestone 42.** As the team prepares to leave Afghanistan for the final time, Simon performs an awesome act of heroism. Comedy, starring Stephen Wright. Last in the series.
10.30 **FILM: Carnage (2011).** Two couples meet to discuss a fight between their children, but the encounter degenerates into bitter conflict. Roman Polanski's black comedy, with Jodie Foster and Kate Winslet.
11.45 **Snooker: The World Championship.** Highlights of the evening session on day two at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, which featured two matches in the first round.
12.35 **Snooker: World Championship Extra. Extended highlights of a match from the first round.**
2.35 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R)
3.35 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
4.35 **Sign Zone: The Ladykillers: Pest Detectives.** (R)
5.35 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Bottom Knocker Street **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Canimals **7.15** Sooty **7.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story **7.35** Hulk and the Agents of Smash **8.00** The Aquabats! Super Show!
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** With Jason Merrells, Helen George and Jack Savoretti.
9.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
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12.35 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.45 **FILM: Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011).** The mischievous little boy discovers his school is faced with closure and hatches a plan to save it. Comedy based on the children's books, with Theo Stevenson and Richard E Grant.
2.35 **Britain's Got Talent.** The search for a star continues as more auditionees try to win over Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon with their talents. Ant and Dec host. (R)
3.50 **Darcy Oake: Edge of Reality.** The daredevil magician performs at Blackpool's Opera House. (R)
4.50 **All Star Family Fortunes.** With Michael Owen and Penny Lancaster. Last in the series. (R)
5.50 **Ninja Warrior UK.** The second heat of the obstacle-course challenge. (R)
6.50 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
7.00 **ITV News and Weather.**
7.15 **Celebrity Squares.** New series. Warwick Davis hosts the game show, with guests Paddy McGuinness, Louis Smith, Anna Crilly and Katy Wix, Alison Hammond, Rob Beckett, Michelle Keegan and Gino D'Acampo.
8.00 **Vera.** When a man's body is dredged up from a slurry pit on a remote farm, Vera must connect the dots between the victim and a wounded illegal immigrant who has been working there.
10.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.15 **Perspectives: Michael Jackson's Thriller with Ashley Banjo.** New series. The Diversity leader heads to America to find out about his idol Michael Jackson and the 1982 album that cemented his status as a global superstar.
11.20 **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Alesha Dixon.** The singer and Britain's Got Talent judge chats about her career and personal life, revealing how she juggles motherhood with songwriting and her TV work. (R)
12.15 **The Store.** Home shopping.
2.30 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. (R)
3.15 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues. (R)

Channel 4

6.15 **How I Met Your Mother.** Barney tries to lure his father back to his old ways.
6.40 **How I Met Your Mother.** Marshall takes Zoey's side in the argument about the Arcadian.
7.05 **British GT.** Highlights from Oulton Park.
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert ruins the wedding invitations. (R)
8.30 **Frasier.** Niles and Frasier employ a private detective. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** The shrink's former agent returns. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With Grace Dent, Shaun Escoffery and Conor Maynard.
12.30 **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A project to transform a Victorian railway signal box into a summerhouse. (R)
1.35 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon and Amy take a train ride to Napa Valley. (R)
1.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** Howard is offered the chance to go back into space. (R)
2.25 **The Simpsons.** Bart buys a rare comic. (R)
2.55 **The Simpsons.** Mr Burns campaigns to become state governor. (R)
3.25 **The Simpsons.** Bart enters a golf tournament. (R)
3.55 **Location, Location, Location.** House-hunting in London. (R)
4.55 **A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.** Relocating to Lincolnshire, or chasing the sun abroad.
6.00 **Channel 4 News.**
6.20 **FILM: Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012).** Premiere. The prehistoric animals get stuck on a drifting iceberg, and try to find a way home. Animated comedy sequel, with the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo and Denis Leary.
8.00 **For the Love of Cars.** New series. Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead restore more classic motors, beginning with an Aston Martin DBS – the model from the Bond film On Her Majesty's Secret Service.
9.00 **Indian Summers.** Ramu's fate is left in the hands of Ralph, who knows the truth behind the murder, while a vote takes place at the club to lift the colour bar. Last in the series.
10.30 **Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)
11.30 **First Dates.** Mula hopes tonight will be second time lucky after being stood up on her first visit, while restaurateur Tom tries to impress dance teacher Alliee with some well-rehearsed advances. (R)
12.30 **The Secret Millionaire.** (R)
1.25 **FILM: Mirch Masala (1987).** The watchman of a spice factory protects a woman from a cruel tax collector, who threatens to punish a whole town for her defiance. Period drama, starring Smita Patil and Om Puri.
3.30 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)
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4.25 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)
4.50 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)
5.15 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)
5.45 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.**

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.15** Milkshake! Monkey **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.35** Pip Ahoy! **6.45** The Mr Men Show **7.00** Chloe's Closet **7.10** Mio Mao **7.15** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.25** Make Way for Noddy **7.35** Paw Patrol **7.50** Little Princess **8.00** Wanda and the Alien **8.15** Zack and Quack **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.45** Jelly Jamm **9.00** LazyTown **9.30** Dora and Friends
10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** April faces danger from a new threat. (R)
10.35 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
10.40 **The Hotel Inspector Returns.** Alex Polizzi returns to the Oakland Hotel in South Woodham Ferrers, Essex. (R)
11.35 **The Hotel Inspector Returns.** Alex Polizzi revisits the Godolphin Arms in Newquay. (R)
12.35 **The Hotel Inspector Returns.** Alex Polizzi returns to the White Hart in St Albans, Hertfordshire. Last in the series. (R)
1.35 **FILM: Stepmom (1998).** Drama, starring Julia Roberts and Susan Sarandon.
3.55 **FILM: Alvin and the Chipmunks (2007).** Children's comedy, starring Jason Lee.
5.40 **FILM: Pocahontas (1995).** Disney animated drama, with the voice of Irene Bedard.
7.15 **5 News Weekend.**
7.20 **FILM: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (1994).** An eccentric but brilliant private eye goes on the trail of a dolphin, the kidnapped mascot of an American football team. Comedy, starring Jim Carrey, Courteney Cox and Sean Young. Edited for language.
9.00 **FILM: Stolen (2012).** Premiere. A former thief tries to rescue his daughter, who has been kidnapped by an old accomplice and will be killed in 12 hours. Action thriller, with Nicolas Cage and Josh Lucas.
10.55 **FILM: Drive Angry (2011).** A man breaks out of Hell to track down the cult leader who has murdered his daughter and plans to sacrifice her baby. Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and Amber Heard.
12.50 **Jackass.** Ryan Dunn bathes in a tank of sewage. (R)
1.15 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **2,000 Tattoos, 40 Piercings and a Pickled Ear.** The world of extreme body modification. (R)
4.00 **House Doctor.** A country cottage in Northamptonshire. (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** Jess gets a warning from HQ. (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** The youngsters visit local radio stations. (R)
5.15 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.20 **Angels of Jarm.** David loses confidence. (R)
5.30 **Angels of Jarm.** Penny does not listen to the teachers' advice. (R)
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** Roary brings a crab back from the beach. (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** The little car is asked to deliver parcels. (R)

Discovering hidden gems of London's West End

The Hippodrome Casino in Leicester Square

I USED to think I knew London's West End pretty well – it has been a happy hunting ground for me on my trips to London over many years for shopping, eating out, bars, a little theatre and a dip into the arts, writes Sharon Walters.

How wrong I was. A packed four-day trip to discover the hidden gems of this area left me felling rather poor of any in-depth knowledge.

New horizons have now been opened up for me for future forays to the wicked city!

I stayed at The Cavendish London in Jermyn Street, perfectly located for visiting London's theatre district and world class shopping nearby. This may be four star but it's no stiff upper lip place. Service is friendly, food and drink are excellent and the bedrooms are oases after a hard day enjoying yourself.

A visit to The Cumberland, close to Marble Arch, for dinner in its brasserie was first on the agenda. It has a relaxed and informal setting and serves a menu of European classics with a distinctly British twist. It has a glorious contemporary interior and is well worth a visit.

Replete with food it was off to a burlesque show at the Hippodrome Casino in Leicester Square. In years gone by it has been a top variety showplace and in the early 1900s it hosted an indoor circus featuring a 100,000 gallon pool with elephants and polar bears.

In the the late 50s it became the renowned Talk of the Town and stars of the superstellar quality performed there. Today it is very different and what a place – still. A major refurbishment has seen the theatre transformed into a casino with a restaurant bar and a small theatre, the Hippodrome Live where entertainment includes jazz, soul, swing, cabaret and burlesque. If you don't want to have a flutter to see a show, then have a steak, some say the best in London, or a drink in the bar and watch the gamblers.

Breakfast the next day was taken at a place I have walked passed many times and never spotted. Cicchetti's is just off Piccadilly Circus and named after the Italian word for small dishes, a place where you can share Italian favourites. This restaurant serves authentic delicacies such as those served in Italian bars from a menu created by renowned chef Aldo Zilli and includes traditional classics alongside new creations. And the really good news for an eaterie in such a popular spot? The bill won't break the bank.

Next came a walk to walk off the tasty and very individual breakfast Aldo served us – an art tour in Regent Street. In the last ten years the Crown Estate has commissioned 13 pieces of public art to enhance the streetscape of London's most iconic shopping street.

A lover of tea I could not resist a visit to The East India Company shop on Conduit Street. Established 400 years ago the company stocks a vast array of teas, coffees, biscuits, jams, marmalades and much more. There are samplings daily and plenty of advice on hand.

No visit is complete without a stroll around the Carnaby Street area but again here was another hidden gem – The Great Frog, an independent jewellers to the stars making bespoke pieces for the likes of Lady Gaga. But beware it is very distinctive jewellery! Around the corner is Choccywoccydoodah, a magical chocolate shop with some fantastic creations and best of all a cafe where the hot chocolate and slices of cake are impossible to resist. Plus a secret room where you can have that special party, not just for kids either.

A very packed four days but highly informative of places to visit at a more leisurely rate in the future.

So suite – relax in one of The Capital's best rooms

The Capital offers guests the chance to sample match-

The hotel offers a more relaxed touch

Enjoy the best of both worlds at capital hotel

WHEN you envisage a five-star stay in London, it's tempting to think Ritz, Dorchester and Savoy but, if you're seeking some retail therapy, there's really only one choice.

Tucked away in bustling Knightsbridge is a hotel with a difference – The Capital.

This family-run business enjoys the best of both worlds, offering five-star service and accommodation but also giving you a warmer reception than perhaps some of the more established London hotels could deliver.

It offers 49 bedrooms and, because of its size, benefits from a service which is, naturally, all the more intimate.

Certainly you know the staff are on your side during the stay and, rather than feeling intimidated by the grandeur of a luxury hotel, there remains a relaxed approach which makes the break all the more comfortable.

The friendly face of The Capital is personified by its larger-than-life head concierge, Clive Smith, whose encyclopaedic knowledge of London is a joy to behold. Nothing was too much trouble during our stay; be it planning our day, organising dining or simple advice on the capital's unearthed treasures.

Clive – who's been with the hotel for more than 25 years – began his career as a luggage porter and has, in his time landed the Best Concierge in the World, in the Best of the Best awards. During his career, he's struck up friendships with hundreds of guests, including Hollywood superstars Dirk Bogarde and Paul Newman.

What sets him apart from the rest is his enthusiasm for customer service and often, literally, goes the extra mile as he takes guests jogging around Hyde Park.

"Meeting all these people and becoming a friend rather than just being another member of staff is probably the most enjoyable aspect of the job," he says. "Although I still respect the guest and always call them by their title of Mr or Mrs!"

The Capital's greatest strength, however, is its location.

HOLIDAYS

Knightsbridge - By Mark Dobson

Just 129 paces from the hotel lies Harrods. It's the closest you can get to staying near to the world-renowned store and you can, quite happily, spend an afternoon getting lost in retail heaven – as long as the credit card can stretch that far.

You're just minutes away from shopping HQ with Harvey Nichols, Christian Louboutin, Christian Dior, Chanel, Prada, Gucci, Armani, Jimmy Choo, Alberta Ferretti, Versace, Nicole Fahri and Katharine Hamnett on your doorstep while Hyde Park is a 10-minute walk away if the husband-in-tow needs a safe haven.

Once the shopping bags are full, it's the perfect opportunity to return to the hotel and sample one of the highlights of The Capital stay – afternoon tea, with a taste of Champagne.

With a wide variety of teas on offer, complemented by delicious sandwiches, cakes, home-made scones plus a glass of Champers; this was an exquisite way to watch London life hurry by outside the relaxed interior of the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant.

Outlaw's is masterminded by seafood specialist Nathan Outlaw, and won the award for Best Value Set Lunch Menu in The Good Food Guide 2014.

"In London, there aren't many great seafood restaurants which serve only British seafood. We offer that with the added attraction of a style of cooking which has not been seen in London before. The menu is inspired by the way I and head chef, Pete Biggs, believe that amazing British produce should be treated. This gives a very personal slant on each dish. In addition, our cooking methods are healthy and we have adopted a policy of sustainability which is strictly adhered to," he says

It's become one of the stand-out restaurants in the capital and the menu had an inventive, exciting feel which offered a little something for everyone. For wine lovers, the choice is exhaustive with bottles from North and South America, Europe, South Africa and Australia on offer.

Put your feet up –after a day shopping

Visitors are riding off into the sunset in Cornwall

More than seven million people are tuning in to 18th century drama Poldark each week – and with hunky Aidan Turner in the title role we can see why.

However, it's also provided a welcome boost to the Cornish tourist indusry with many viewers inspired to book a break to Cornwall, where of the show was shot.

In what has been dubbed as 'the Poldark effect', there's been a surge in bookings for tour operators and holiday lettings agencies, demonstrating the increasing power TV shows have in influencing our choice of holiday.

Holiday Lettings has reported a 47 per cent increase in Cornwall bookings compared to last year, while Airbnb says they have seen a staggering 292 per cent year-on-year guest growth.

James McClure, general manager of Airbnb, says: "Holidaymakers seem drawn to the spectacular scenery of the Cornish coast that has been thrown into the spotlight by Poldark. It's a beautiful part of the world."

Proof that people are actually seeking out spots featured in the show, Holidaycottages.co.uk claims their dedicated blog about the Poldark filming locations had 447 per cent more views than other blogs on their site.

So where should you go if you're planning a Poldark-themed break?

One spot worth visiting is Charleston, where the scenic Grade II listed harbour replaces the city of Truro in the TV adaptation. The late Georgian working port was constructed between 1791 and 1801 in response to a growing mining industry. Airbnb currently has an apartment overlooking the harbour from £150 per night.

The Rashleigh Inn in Charleston also offers a Crow's Nest room with views of the historic Tall Ships and Charleston harbour. Rooms start from £65 per night including breakfast (visit www.rashleigharms.co.uk). The hotel is also a good base from which to explore Bodmin Moor, another location used in the series and home to 16th century pub, The Crows Inn.

Visitors might then consider heading to Wheal Roots to learn about the Cornish mining history and find out what conditions were really like for miners. The Cornwall Wildlife Trust reserve, set in a former mining region, is a highlight here.

Just one question: Where do we find our own handsome hero?

Any tips for days out, holidays or places to visit? Email your ideas to lisa.bailey@shropshirestar.co.uk

Foreign terrain can still give reminder of county

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams

WITH April comes warmer weather, sunnier days and milder nights and so you may well think that I should be focusing on the Salopian life that makes the most of this comparatively balmy time of the year, but I want to take you back momentarily, to winter.

Although we didn't see much snow and ice this winter, having just returned from a field trip to Iceland, I feel I have had more than my fair share after only five days of it. It has been one of the coldest, windiest and snowiest 'springs' in Iceland for two generations and yet there are still animals that have travelled there to escape our shores and begin breeding on the volcanic rock.

April is surely the last month before autumn that we can hope to catch a glimpse of our winter visitors and certainly most will have left us now, soon to be replaced by the Africans such as swallows, martins, warblers and cuckoos. But if you're lucky enough to find yourself within a stone's throw of the Arctic circle any time soon, it is worth reacquainting yourselves with our recently departed species.

I found myself doing just that last week as I clambered up a rocky slope overlooking a bay of icebergs in Iceland's scenic south. There were seals on the ice far away and the tracks of an arctic fox, but not much else, apart from a persistent yet melodic cheeping. On closer inspection these vocalisations belonged to a snow bunting, a species I have rarely seen in Shropshire, although a smattering do visit most years.

Snow buntings are well named. Copious amounts of white adorn them at all times of the year although the breeding plumage of the males in the summer is a more striking black and white. Like other birds this species only has one moult each year and no true "Alternate Plumage". After the moult in the late summer the male looks brownish with a brown and black striped back.

Underneath the coloured feather tips, the back feathers are pure black and the body feathers all are white. The male wears off all of the feather tips by actively rubbing them on snow, and he is an immaculate white and jet black by the time breeding begins. When we see them in Shropshire, outside of the breeding season, the male and female snow bunting are more similar in appearance, both developing more buffy plumage.

The snow bunting places its nest deep in cracks or other cavities in rocks. The thick nest lining of fur and feathers helps keep the eggs and nestlings warm, but the female must remain on the nest for most of the incubation period. But what, if anything was so special about my sighting? Well, the snow bunting is the first migrant to arrive in the Arctic in spring, the male returning to its breeding grounds in mid-March to early April, when temperatures are low and snow still covers much of the ground. The males arrive early to establish a territory containing suitable nesting sites. When the females arrive, around four to six weeks later, the males display to attract a mate, flying up high before gliding down again while singing. Remind you of anything else? Yes, even in terrain as foreign as Iceland there are natural sights that remind us of a spring day in Shropshire.

Join Ben on a wildlife safari this September. See benwaddams.com for details.

One of Ben's photographs taken during his trip to Iceland

Pair are jailed for plot to burgle area properties

TWO men have been jailed for a total of more than 10 years for plotting to burgle more than a dozen homes including four in Shropshire in order to steal expensive cars.

Roy Day, 29, and Gerard Lundie, 26, both admitted one charge each of conspiracy to commit burglary at 13 houses between September and December last year.

All the homes were broken into overnight while the householders were asleep in bed.

The pair targeted homes in Shrewsbury on November 29 and November 30 last year.

Two top of the range Audi S3s were stolen in those raids, with DNA linking Lundie to the break-ins.

The duo then moved on to Oswestry, breaking into a home in Barnfield Close on December 2. An Audi A6 and a Vauxhall Astra were both stolen from the driveway.

Both vehicles were later recovered in Streetly, near Birmingham, with Lundie's DNA found inside the Astra and enquiries showed that Day was in Shropshire at the time of the offence.

Lundie was arrested the following day after he sped off from officers in Kingstanding, Birmingham.

Travelling at speeds of around 100mph, Lundie abandoned the car and was detained by officers while waiting at a nearby bus stop.

Examination of Lundie's phone while in custody led officers to identify Day as a suspect and enabled them to match his DNA to the crime scenes.

Day, of Saltley Cottages, Erdington and Lundie, of no fixed abode, were each sentenced to five years and four months in prison at Birmingham Crown Court.

Detective Sergeant Dave Bebb, of West Midlands Police, led the investigation to catch them.

He said: "Day and Lundie terrorised residents across the West Midlands, targeting their homes in the dead of night to steal expensive vehicles from the driveway.

"Local people should be reassured by the lengthy sentences handed to the pair and can sleep a little safer in their beds at night knowing these prolific burglars are now behind bars.

"Burglary can have a devastating impact on victims, often leaving them feeling uneasy and scared in their own homes.

"I hope the terms given to Day and Lundie also provide some comfort to their victims and helps them to put their ordeal behind them."

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HOME alone far too often, attractive bubby fun good time girl 32yrs seeking male 30-50yrs for broadminded daytime fun. Let's rid the boredom! **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415523**

SUE attractive, independent, confident female, sporty, petite, loves the Arts, good books, looking for romantic, sensitive nice guy for nice times together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415501**

KAREN medium build, blonde hair, 5ft 5ins, seeks male, 50-58, GSOH, loving, caring and understanding. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415429**

AMANDA 5ft 4ins slim fit attractive, enjoys the outdoors, nice wine, theatre etc. seeking romantic considerate soul mate to broaden my horizons. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415391**

SAM attractive single mum who really enjoys life and likes to be happy WLTM genuine single male/dad for mutual companionship, dates in/out and tlc. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415381**

KAREN medium build, blonde hair, 5ft 5ins, seeks male, 50-58, GSOH, loving, caring and understanding. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415429**

23YR old Asian female, seeks sugar daddy, any age for fun and much more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415367**

PATRICIA widow 67, likes simple pleasures in life, seeks gent, N/S for friendship/companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415685**

KAREN 50, widow, blonde hair, GSOH, 5ft 5ins, slim, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415767**

GEM 34yr old pretty brunette with lovely big eyes and nice skin, many interests, WLTM kind tallish male, 30-50yrs for serious relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415571**

SYLVIA attractive blonde size 12 45yr old female looking for genuine companionship, someone to spend quality times with, enjoy music and cosy times together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415543**

ASIA very attractive slim single black 32yr female looking for fun times with god time guy with GSOH and a real passion for life and falling in love. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415837**

SARAH 31yrs looking for casual 1-2-1 no strings fun with broadminded bored male. Status unimportant, discretion and mutual respect essential. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415821**

LINDA uncomplicated female who loves the simple things in life, looking for N/S male with GSOH for nights in/out, no games, users or time wasters please. s **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415535**

KAREN 50, widow, 5ft 5ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, seeks gent with GSOH, loving, caring and understanding. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415871**

GWEN middle aged, 65-75, 5ft 2ins, likes theatre, country music, holidays, seeks N/S male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415785**

SHELIA Asian 20yr old female, very pretty, feminine with long hair, enjoys nights in or out, seeking mature white male 55plus for discreet fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415181**

MARGARET 39, attractive active female likes animals, reading, meals in/out, seeking considerate partner for good laughs, companionship, shared interests and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414727**

HELEN feisty redhead with many interests including beach walks and quiet nights in, looking for male with GSOH and a passion for travel. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413869**

YOUNG looking female, likes rock music, concerts, theatre, seeks Rock male with similar interests for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415249**

MANDY very attractive, slim single mum 36yrs, employed, OHAC, looking to share some quality times with similar genuine kind hearted social male/dad. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415409**

DIANE attractive singleton seeks male to have some fun with, meals out, cinema, dancing and just see were things lead from there. Age/race unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415373**

KATY 26 slim beautiful discreet blue eyed blonde looking for mature gent for some uncomplicated fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414209**

ANNABELLE 29 slim tanned beautiful sophisticated sensual brunette, loves the high life, Champaign lunches, weekends away, seeks very own sugar daddy for sweet nothings. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414191**

SARAH 38yr old bored blonde seeking single guys up for some good times, chats and discreet meets. Looking forward to hearing from you. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414177**

EMS 32yrs petite young looking, pretty, likes swimming, walking, talking etc, seeking honest bloke or dad up to 40yrs for fun adult friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413853**

NATALIE 22yrs attractive brunette nurse, very slim, athletic figure, many likes, few dislikes, WLTM male up to 38yrs to stay at home and have some fun with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413839**

MAZ 36 petite curvy big blue eyes, loves music, beach walks, cosy nights with good conversation and nice wine, seeks similar likeminded male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413571**

ANN slim attractive widowed but not past being loved lady, loves travel, country good conversation, WLTM kind genuine male, 35-65 for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413453**

JANET tall beautiful brunette, slim 12, separated, enjoys life, no hang-ups, wanting quality time, friendship and possible romance with similar guy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413415**

ANITA seeking nice man in the West Midlands, 50-70 for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413765**

KAREN 50, widow, likes swimming, horse riding, keep fir, clay pigeon shooting, GSOH, N/S, non drinker, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415211**

BUBBLY larger than life 28yr old blonde bombshell, seeks large built male to fulfil my every fantasy! Give me a call; I will totally make your day maybe even your year. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414977**

BARBARA 38 slim sporty attractive blonde, varied interests, single and ready to date, seeks kind honest guy for shared interests, fun nights out, hopefully leading to more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414967**

JULIE single petite attractive big blue eyed brunette, loves cooking a cosy meal in, nights out, searching for real love with genuinely nice guy. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414491**

GOOD looking professional lady, 56, enjoys the arts, country walks, meals out, seeks compatible, genuine, professional gent to enjoy the good things in life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415007**

ANGIE 38yrs slim blonde, ex model with lovely long legs with shapely figure, fit, toned, sporty, confident but warm, WLTM similar perceptive, sensitive individual for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414723**

BECKY stunning big blue eyed 38yr old honest, caring and fun person looking for nice times with similar outgoing fun guy, status/age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414391**

68YR old widow, attractive, seeks sincere, N/S male, likes reading, meals out and walks. West Midlands. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414773**

NICOLA 32, blue eyes, petite, pretty brunette, shy at first, trustworthy, caring, varied hobbies, seeks male/single dad up to 40yrs for tlc possible ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414707**

KAREN petite 34yr old attractive blonde, likes pubs, clubs, meals out, gym, looking for honest caring guy who can make me laugh. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414373**

ANN looking for no strings adult fun, broadminded and great fun, blonde, attractive and discreet. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414363**

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ARE you Mr Wonderful? Lesley attractive slim auburn haired fit lady who loves life and fully intends to live it to the full, seeking similar caring, patient man. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414213**

JULIE loving, caring, honest, seeks real gent to share conversation and have a great time, friendship/relationship, who knows? **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412777**

SALLY stunning lady looking for dinner dates, partying and generally having a good time with generous man looking for his mojo! No strings, go on call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412599**

DEBS petite attractive auburn haired, good listener, romantic, enjoys socialising, cosy nights in with Mr Right, seeking similar caring N/S single dad. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412387**

JAN slim curvy professional warm, affectionate, looking to fill full time vacancy with similar male who loves cuddles/kisses and bikes for romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412167**

ATTRACTIVE slim brunette, 47, N/S, seeks tall, slim male for a cut above the average relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412725**

KAREN pretty blonde, short in stature, big personality, keeps fit, loves dogs, seeking honest, caring male who can make me laugh. Nothing too serious just fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412377**

JEAN petite female who enjoys golf, days out, cosy evenings in, holidays, WLTM older male in his 60's with a good personality and big heart. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412359**

JULIE really fun loving slim pretty female 38 looking for nice guy to go out with, get to know and hopefully enjoy a relationship with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411517**

GWENDOLINE honest, trustworthy, seeks caring gent who enjoys cinema, theatre, holidays and nights out for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412293**

SONYA slim attractive vibrant lady with GSOH, social nature, fit/active, WLTM N/S male up to 60yrs for romantic genuine respectful relationship, loving. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413441**

EMMA petite slim blue eyed blonde 22yrs, likes cinema, dancing/music, just chillin, seeking easygoing male for fun and good times but nothing serious. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413207**

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KAREN 34 blue/green eyed size 12 attractive brunette who loves pubs, cosy nights in, kids, seeking special honest guy/dad for poss ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413005**

ROSA 27 sexy senorita seeking older handsome prince charming to whisk me off my feet, enjoy fun times, improve my English and fall in love with. Age/race unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412927**

RITA attractive blonde with a very kind heart seeks special man to share my life with. Please get in touch if like me you are fed up with always being the single friend. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412987**

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MARCUS 46, 5ft 7ins, medium build, blond hair, seeking female for fun and friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416887**

VICTOR, retired, 5ft 8ins, professional, seeks N/S lady for fun, friendship and happy times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 309157**

MALE 63, N/S, honest, GSOH, car owner, seeks female, 55-70 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416817**

MALE 57, seeking female, any age/looks for no strings fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416779**

WIDOWER 70's, lonely, educated, well travelled, reliable, tactile, seeks fun, N/S lady for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416481**

MALE young 62, medium build, likes sports, golf, holidays, food, beer, seeks lady for nights out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416643**

MALE 50, seeking discreet no strings fun with female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416783**

KEV 49, dark hair, blue eyes, average build, seeks female, any age for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 384372**

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GLYNN 49, young looking, seeks black female, 21-30 for loving relationship and fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416603**

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BLUE eyed male, black hair, 6ft 4ins, likes football, nights out, farming, seeking female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416341**

PAUL 56, works part time, seeking nice lady, 55-65 with GSOH, honest, genuine and understanding. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416017**

CARING male, 55, N/S, medium build, likes meals out, music, cinema, sports, driving, seeks female, 40-60 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 239148**

MALE 60, N/S, average looks, black hair, likes meals out, seeks female, 50-70, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 383425**

TALL, dark, slim, attractive guy, 48, seeks attractive female for no strings fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 299904**

ATTRACTIVE male, late 40's, seeks attractive female for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 311713**

TALL, dark, attractive guy 50, seeks attractive, tactile female for fun, excitement and lots of attention. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 314219**

SHROPSHIRE male, 50, tall, dark, attractive, fun loving, seeks attractive female for fun and excitement. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 341387**

TALL attractive Shrewsbury male, 54, seeks attractive female for fun and excitement in the daytime. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411823**

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MALE 47, medium build, seeks female, 40-50 for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415651**

JOHN 46, West Midlands, seeks local black/Asian female, 30-70 for discreet adult fun, can travel. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415591**

MALE seeking fun bubbly female, 21-30. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415473**

GENTLEMAN retired, N/S, seeking lady for companionship and sharing good times with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415609**

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PHIL 57, OHAC, discreet, seeks no strings fun with younger female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414991**

GARY 6ft 2ins, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, likes nights in/out, seeks female, 30-50. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414845**

SLIM male, 59, seeks no strings adult fun with broadminded mature woman, 65 plus. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 414983**

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FIT 68yr old male, feels 40, looks 30, genuine, seeks N/S female 66-72 with GSOH to share fun times and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415787**

MARK 6ft, slim, blue eyes, dark hair, seeking that special lady. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415697**

Men seeking men

MATURE male, young looking, many interests, GSOH, seeks similar male for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413953**

DIVORCED male, young, fit 50, generous, own business, seeks male, any nationality, 18-20 for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 412727**

BI male, 50, tall, friendly, discreet, seeks bi male, 35-50 for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416335**

MATURE gent 73, bi-curious, occasional CD, seeks similar male, 70-80. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 416155**

GRAHAM 54, dark hair, 50's, seeks gay/bi male for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 415727**

Women seeking Women

SARAH shy, likes animals, football, cycling, walks, gardening, looking for female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 411411**

Friends

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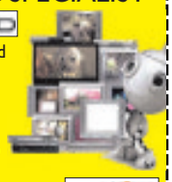

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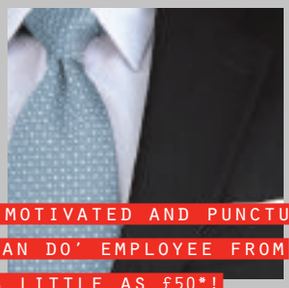

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Audi ups the styling game

By Graham Breeze

Friends ribbed me that the Audi TT Roadster I was driving was a hairdresser's car but the third generation model that's just arrived on our roads is certainly not just for the girls.

The new TT is evolutionary, rather than revolutionary – after all why fix something that isn't broken. But Audi has upped the game in styling and technology and is taking the fight to rivals in the sector.

The TT Roadster looks broadly the same but there's a sharper focus on sports positioning and better dynamics thanks to its lightweight aluminium and steel construction. The TT of today is a more sharply designed package, with a slightly longer wheelbase with definite hints of the more expensive R8. Sitting on 19in wheels the S-Line gets deeper side sills, different bumpers and a black grille.

There are just two trims, Sport and S-Line, and a choice of highly efficient engines.

The petrol TT uses a 230bhp, 2.0-litre TFSI unit with either a six-speed manual gearbox or Audi's seven-speed, dual-clutch S tronic transmission, and there's the choice of front- or Quattro four-wheel drive.

You can also get a TDI Ultra version with an 184bhp 2.0-litre diesel engine which gives 67.3mpg and emit just 110g/km of CO2 with manual and front-wheel drive.

I prefer the 2.0litre TFSi S tronic which was on test. It came with an on-the-road tag of £33,020 but on-board extras pushed that up to £40,255.

Extras include leather trim, auto dimming and rear-view mirror sensor package, heated seats and a parking system.

There was a top speed of 155mph and 0-62mph in only 6.1 seconds, yet the manufacturers claim 38.6mpg on the combined cycle and 11 per cent lower CO2 figures of 142g/km.

That really is competitive.

And while there's the performance you would expect there's lots more inside the cabin to make the TT stand out from the opposition, particularly if you want to upgrade to get Audi's stunning virtual cockpit system.

Centre of attention is the 12in LCD driver display which has replaced conventional dials and sits beautifully in front of the driver where all information is readily available.

This development is a real sales winner for Audi and just has to be seen to be believed. It can be switched between Classic View or Infotainment View which brings up the biggest navigation map you will ever see.

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Telephone, media, trip and car settings functions all appear on the screen and can be controlled using both the touch sensitive MMI controller or the multi-function wheel – a sheer joy.

The test car was fitted with the optional Technology Package which added Google Maps traffic information, music streaming and internet access.

On the road stability control intervention contributes to great roadholding and if you chose to upgrade to the AWD Quattro there's even more agility.

Audi's Drive Select system is standard across the range, allowing you to chose Normal, Sport or Dynamic driving modes.

Audi may say that the TT is a 2+2 but it's really a two-seater. The benefits come when you lower the rear seats to increase boot space. There's also a shortage of storage space in the cabin so you'll need to travel lightly.

Visibility is normally a problem in this sector but the TT scores well in this area.

All models in the new range are considerably dearer, but Audi has a reputation for holding residual values, so price shouldn't be an issue.

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Jeep is ready to compete

By Ian Donaldson

Jeep might be famous the world over for building cars that will climb mountains, but the brand is digging itself out of a pit that could have seen it sink into obscurity.

In Europe at least, where a Jeep spokesman admitted, as the latest model – the Renegade – was launched, "back in 2012 we were teetering on the edge."

Dealers were losing an average of more than £130,000 a year and lots of them jumped ship, heading for brands that might make them a decent living. Things, in short, could not have looked bleaker.

Well, what a difference three years can make. The car you are reading about today is not only the first Jeep to be built outside the United States (in Italy, actually) it is also confidently expected to quickly become by far the best selling Jeep in the UK, making dealers very happy indeed.

Built in the same Italian plant as the Fiat 500X and sharing important bits like engines and gearboxes, the Renegade is aimed squarely at the likes of the Nissan Juke and Mini Countryman; both cars that attract a fanatical following of owners happy to pay a solid price for a car that makes them feel good about themselves.

They inhabit a part of the car market (for smaller SUVs) that is expanding faster than a politician's election promises, as European buyers fall for the charms of cars that look a lot like unaffordable and wilderness conquering 4x4s but really cost little more to run than a family hatchback.

The Jeep Renegade will do a fair impression of an Everest hero, even if its target audience - politely called "the young at heart" - never venture further off road than the field at the local car boot sale. Why, a fifth of buyers are expected to lease a car with their mobility allowance and most Renegades won't even be all-wheel drive.

What they all have, Jeep must hope, is a name that carries decades of credibility among people hankering after daily transport that rises above the merely practical.

With prices starting at £16,995 for a decently equipped 1.6 litre petrol model with air con, DAB radio, Bluetooth and alloy wheels, the Renegade looks convincing even before you turn the key in the ignition.

There are diesels to choose from too (Jeep thinks there might be an even-ish split on types of fuel) and four trim levels, all the way to the £27,995 Limited with 2.0 litre diesel engine, all-wheel drive and nine-speed automatic gearbox.

Most will hardly venture off road, but bold owners who opt for the 4x4 models will discover a car capable of taking a quite demanding series of hills and hollows, and a seashore being washed by an incoming tide, if they choose the route of the press drive for the newcomer, on the east coast of Scotland around North Berwick.

'Rop ranking Renegade impressed. Here is a car to give the equally style conscious Nissan Juke a run for its money.'

They might be more surprised (after all, Jeep is never backward in coming forward about the brand's off-road prowess) is the way the Renegade tackles a British side road; the heavier diesel in particular impressing with its gentle, quiet progress.

The 2.0 litre on test managed 39mpg (the notably slower but cheaper 1.4 litre petrol did 33mpg) and never felt lacking for power. It also presented an interior different enough to be interesting and just the right side of kitsch, with its little tributes to Jeep's heritage dotted about – 31 of them all told, from a red line on the rev counter marked like a smear of mud, to a tiny WWII Jeep outline on the windscreen surround.

The top ranking Renegade impressed. Here is a car to give the equally style conscious Nissan Juke a run for its money.

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Hot seat for young driver

The first events of the season take place at Loton Park Hill Climb, near Shrewsbury, this weekend and reigning British Hill Climb Champion Scott Moran will be dusting off his car in preparation for the challenge ahead.

Moran, aged 39, of Ludlow, a five-times British Champion, is this year sharing his all conquering McLaren-powered Gould GR61X racing car with young Tenbury Wells driver Alex Summers, aged 24, following the retirement of regular co-driver and father, Roger Moran, from the open racing car classes at the end of last season.

Scott said: "The season ahead would appear to be very exciting as several new car and driver combinations are taking part in the national championship and the competition overall is getting tougher all the time.

"I will only be competing in a limited number of events but Alex had a very successful outing at the recent member's practice weekend and soon got to grips with the car, so he should provide a credible challenge to the likes of regular front runners Trevor Willis, Jos Goodyear and Will Hall."

A full entry has been received by organisers Hagley Car Club for both of the separate one day events which have attracted a wide range of sports, classics, saloon and racing cars, with many local drivers taking part.

Specialist clubs invited to compete include Bugatti, Morgan, Reliant and Jaguar, together with crowd-pleasing competitors in the British Motorcycle Hill Climb Championship.

Further details can be found on the club's website at www.hdlcc.com

Pictured: Reigning champion Scott Moran and young co-driver Alex Summers.

Arthurs of Wrexham enrol two Peugeot apprentices

Arthurs Peugeot, Wrexham's newest car dealership, has enrolled two of its junior employees onto the Peugeot Apprenticeship Programme.

They are Richard Scott, 22, and Iola Dutton, 19, who are the first to benefit from Arthurs Peugeot's further investment in the future.

General manager David Goldthorpe explained how the motor industry was undergoing some 'exciting' changes and one of Arthurs Peugeot's philosophies was to employ bright young individuals who could train within the industry and assist Arthurs to be the 'best motor dealer in the area.'

As part of this journey, Richard has been enrolled onto Peugeot's Customer Service Advisor Apprenticeship scheme. David said: "This is a very important role within the dealership as the customer service advisor is generally the first person a customer meets when visiting.

"The job is a combination of administration, people management and communications and now involves extensive use of information technology.

"In the short time that Richard has been employed by Arthurs we have been very impressed with him and we are keen to invest in him to pursue his career in the motor industry."

Iola has been enrolled into the Peugeot Apprenticeship scheme under their Business and Administration Apprenticeship.

Said David: "We have a very busy operation in Wrexham and it is important we have administrators who can handle the day to day tasks in an office very efficiently and make sure everything runs smoothly.

"This role involves organising people and resources and includes the utilisation of the very latest computer systems.

"We selected Iola for this apprenticeship because she is very willing, has excellent communications skills and a thorough understanding of information technology."

David summarised by saying: "I am very pleased we are able to support Richard and Iola with their careers and these investments reflect Arthurs confidence in the future as we continue to increase sales."

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14 Reg	Skoda Fabia, Monte Carlo 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 2914mls			£11295
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64 Reg	Skoda Rapid SE 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, 10269mls, £30 RFL	£11,995
64 Reg	Skoda Roomster, SE 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, 4912mls, £110 RFL	£10,995
64 Reg	Skoda Octavia vRS 5dr EST 2.0 Diesel, 7362mls, £30 RFL	£20,495
64 Reg	Skoda Superb, SE 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, 10582mls, £30 RFL	£15,995

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62 Reg	Skoda Fabia, Greenline 5dr HBK 1.2 Diesel, FSH, 64071mls, £0 RFL	£6,295	£300	£5,995
61 Reg	Skoda Roomster, SE 5dr MPV 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 33016mls	£7,695	£200	£7,495
59 Reg	Fiat 500, Sport 3dr HBK 1.3 Diesel, 60040mls, £20 RFL			£5995
12 Reg	Ford C-Max, Titanium 5dr MPV 1.6 Petrol, FSH, 49577mls			£9295
14 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 14759mls, £0 RFL			£10995
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14 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 3562mls, £0 RFL			£11295
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13 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec 3dr HBK 1.25 Petrol, FSH, 18918mls, £30 RFL			£8295
10 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec 3dr HBK 1.25 Petrol, FSH, 42478mls			£6295
59 Reg	Ford Fusion, Zetec Climate 5dr EST 1.4 Petrol, 31037mls			£5495
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61 Reg	Skoda Fabia, SE AUTO 5dr EST 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 59023mls			£6495
11 Reg	Skoda Fabia, SE 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 41836mls			£5995
13 Reg	Skoda Roomster, SE 5dr EST 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 9884mls			£9995
62 Reg	Skoda Octavia, VRS 5dr EST 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 42633mls			£12995
11 Reg	Skoda Octavia, Elegance TDI 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, 24595mls			£10995
62 Reg	Skoda Octavia, SE Connect 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 33634mls, £30 RFL			£9695
62 Reg	Skoda Yeti, SE 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 10319mls			£13995
61 Reg	Skoda Yeti, Elegance 4X4 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 43991mls			£14495
60 Reg	Vauxhall Meriva, Exclusiv 5dr MPV 1.3 Diesel, FSH, 38773mls			£6295
60 Reg	Volkswagen Polo, SE 3dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 40316mls, £30 RFL			£7695
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Burton Albion	42	25	9	8	60	34	84
Shrewsbury T	43	25	8	10	65	29	83
Wycombe Wd	43	22	14	7	64	42	80
Bury	42	23	7	12	56	39	76
Southend Utd	42	21	12	9	50	35	75
Stevenage	43	19	11	13	59	50	68
Plymouth Arg	43	18	11	14	50	33	65
Luton Twn	43	17	11	15	49	43	62
Newport Co	43	17	11	15	47	50	62
Exeter City	43	16	13	14	58	61	61
Northampton	43	17	7	19	62	56	58
Morecambe	43	15	12	16	48	49	57
AFC Wimbledon	43	14	14	15	53	57	56
Portsmouth	43	13	14	16	49	51	53
Dagenham & R	43	15	8	20	50	55	53
Oxford Utd	43	12	16	15	44	49	52
Accrington S	43	14	10	19	54	70	52
York City	43	11	18	14	45	47	51
Cambridge Utd	43	12	12	19	56	60	48
Mansfield T	43	13	9	21	35	55	48
Carlisle Utd	42	13	6	23	50	69	45
Hartlepool Utd	43	11	8	24	34	63	41
Cheltenham T	43	9	13	21	39	63	40
Tranmere Rov	43	9	12	22	43	60	39

Evo-Stik League
Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mickleover	40	30	4	6	101	37	94
Leek Twn	38	26	4	8	86	33	82
Newcastle T	40	25	6	9	88	45	81
Gresley	38	24	5	9	93	47	77
Spalding Utd	39	23	8	8	82	36	77
Sutton C Twn	40	23	8	9	67	40	77
Stafford Rgrs	40	21	12	7	66	33	75
Tividale	39	20	9	10	63	40	69
Lincoln Utd	40	18	9	13	68	52	63
Norton Utd	40	18	4	18	74	71	58
Coalville Twn	40	17	4	19	68	68	55
Romulus	40	16	7	17	65	65	55
Chasetwn	39	14	9	16	57	57	51
Goole AFC	39	12	9	18	52	60	45
Loughboro D	40	12	9	19	67	86	45
Sheffield	39	13	5	21	68	84	44
Stocksbridge	40	10	10	20	51	80	40
Carlton Twn	39	11	5	23	50	75	38
Mkt Drayton T	39	10	4	25	61	101	34
Rainworth MW	40	8	6	26	42	85	30
Kidsgrove Ath	39	6	9	24	38	91	27
Brigg Twn	40	3	2	35	26	147	11

Vanarama Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Barnet	44	27	7	10	91	45	88
Bristol Rvrs	44	24	15	5	65	33	87
Grimsby Twn	44	24	10	10	69	37	82
Eastleigh	44	22	10	12	83	59	76
Forest Grn Rvrs	44	21	15	8	76	52	75
Macclesfield Twn	44	20	14	10	57	45	74
Woking	44	20	12	12	73	49	72
Dover Ath	44	19	9	16	68	57	66
FC Halifax Twn	44	17	15	12	58	49	66
Gateshead	44	17	15	12	64	56	66
Wrexham	43	15	14	14	50	50	59
Torquay Utd	44	15	12	17	61	59	57
Lincoln City	44	16	9	19	61	69	57
Chester	44	17	6	21	58	73	57
Braintree Twn	44	17	5	22	52	52	56
Kidderminster	44	15	11	18	49	57	56
Altrincham	44	16	8	20	51	67	56
Aldershot Twn	43	14	10	19	49	56	52
Southport	44	12	11	21	44	70	47
Welling Utd	44	11	11	22	50	70	44
Alfreton Twn	44	12	8	24	47	81	44
Dartford	44	8	14	22	44	72	38
Nuneaton Twn	44	10	8	26	34	70	38
AFC Telford Utd	44	9	9	26	55	81	36

West Midlands League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sporting K	36	33	2	1	124	20	101
AFC Bridgnorth	39	27	5	7	104	40	86
Gornal Ath	38	25	6	7	92	40	81
Ellesmere Rgrs	38	22	8	8	93	47	74
Shawbury Utd	40	22	6	12	125	76	72
Malvern Twn	40	21	9	10	104	59	72
W'Ton Cas	37	19	6	12	78	72	63
Haughmond	36	17	8	11	74	54	59
Pegasus Jun	36	17	4	15	69	47	55
Wellington	37	15	9	13	75	63	54
BC Rgrs	36	15	8	13	83	77	53
Dudley Spts	37	16	5	16	62	69	53
Bilston Tw C	38	14	3	21	59	91	45
Dudley Twn	38	12	7	19	77	84	43
Bewdley Twn	36	11	6	19	68	84	39
W'Ton Sptg C	36	10	5	21	56	82	35
Smethwick R	35	10	4	21	65	98	34
Cradley Twn	36	10	3	23	63	108	33
Wellington Am	36	9	4	23	44	107	31
Willenhall Twn	35	7	9	19	54	88	30
Shifnal Twn	39	6	8	25	43	102	26
Wednesfield	35	4	5	26	36	140	17

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bromyard Twn	22	16	3	3	79	30	51
St Martins	25	16	2	7	78	48	50
Stone OA	24	14	3	7	48	35	45
Hereford LC	25	14	2	9	40	40	44
AFC Ludlow	26	11	8	7	56	32	41
Wem Twn	28	12	4	12	71	59	40
Wrens Nest	23	12	2	9	48	41	38
Trysull	24	10	5	9	41	30	35
Shenstone P	21	8	3	10	28	33	27
Bustleholme	23	8	3	12	38	71	27
Bartestree	26	6	8	12	57	70	26
Team Dudley	24	7	4	13	48	67	25
Penncroft	24	7	4	13	54	75	25
Worcs Raiders	23	7	3	13	61	86	24
Wyrley	24	4	4	16	41	71	16

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kington Twn	25	17	4	4	66	24	55
Darlaston Twn	27	18	1	8	73	40	55
FC Stafford	24	17	3	4	62	27	54
Powick Rgrs	25	15	5	5	67	32	50
Warstone Wdrs	23	16	1	6	72	45	49
Newport Twn	27	14	4	9	67	42	46
Oakengates Ath	24	13	3	8	50	33	42
Tipton Yth AFC	25	13	2	10	53	45	41
Malvern Twn U21	26	11	4	11	45	43	37
Sikh Hunters	22	9	7	6	33	31	34
W'Ton Utd	25	10	4	11	52	52	34
Bilbrook	23	8	1	14	41	49	25
Gornal Colts	26	7	2	17	37	88	23
Bartley Grn Illey	23	5	3	15	24	41	18
Wyrley Reserves	27	5	3	19	27	63	18
Red Star Alma	24	4	3	17	26	72	15
AFC Worcs Oly	26	2	4	20	30	98	10

Landlord's Invitational Pool League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Elizabethan A	36	31	1	4	205	83	94
Horseshoes	36	27	5	4	202	86	86
Beehive	36	26	3	7	176	112	81
Elizabethan B	36	24	8	4	191	97	80
WWFC Z	36	21	7	8	177	111	70
WWFC C	36	19	10	7	162	126	66
Rose & Crn B	36	20	5	11	161	127	65
Haygate A	36	16	14	6	168	120	62
WWFC B	36	16	7	13	154	134	55
Bush B	36	15	8	13	150	138	53
Kings Head	36	15	6	15	151	137	51
Rose & Crn A	36	8	8	20	124	164	31
Bush A	36	9	4	23	110	178	31
Haygate B	36	7	8	21	106	182	29
Turf	35	7	6	22	115	165	27
Bayley Club	35	7	7	21	114	166	27
Park B	36	6	5	25	107	181	19
Coalport A	36	5	4	27	84	204	19
Park A	36	2	4	30	71	217	10

Oakengates Pool League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Elizabethan	25	21	4	0	180	70	46
Horseshoes B	25	19	1	5	159	91	39
White Horse LH	25	16	5	4	159	91	37
WWFC (B'hive)	25	13	6	6	147	103	32
Bush B	25	12	6	7	139	111	30
WWFC	24	10	6	8	123	117	26
Rose and Crn	25	11	4	10	125	125	26
Royal George	24	10	3	11	120	120	22
Horseshoes A	25	6	4	15	96	154	16
Bush A	25	3	6	16	92	158	12
Trench Tavern	25	3	2	20	84	166	8
Haygate	25	1	1	23	66	184	3

Video Super Pool League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
King's Head LSC	4	3	1	0	23	17	7
Horseshoes A	4	2	2	0	26	14	6
Elephant & Cstle.	4	3	0	1	25	15	6
Horseshoes B	3	2	1	0	23	7	5
R & C Ketley	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
Haygate A	3	2	0	1	21	9	4
King's Head	4	1	2	1	20	20	4
White Horse L/H.	4	1	2	1	19	21	4
WWFC	4	1	1	2	19	21	3
WWT Labour C	4	1	1	2	17	23	3
Bush	4	1	0	3	19	21	2
Dun Cow Trench	4	1	0	3	10	30	2
Haygate B	4	0	1	3	13	27	1
Lamb Inn	4	1	0	3	12	28	1

English Rugby Clubs
National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hull Ionians	28	25	0	3	897	399	124
Ampthill	28	24	1	3	1018	396	121
Sedgley Park	28	17	1	10	818	598	88
Caldy	28	16	1	11	675	662	84
Harrogate	28	16	3	9	664	595	82
Chester	28	15	1	12	663	546	79
Broadstreet	28	16	0	12	712	625	78
Otley	28	13	1	14	628	610	73
Huddersfield	28	13	2	13	561	601	67
Stourbridge	28	12	1	15	684	743	65
Leicester Lions	28	12	0	16	553	780	58
Preston Grass	28	9	0	19	568	631	55
Luctonians	28	9	1	18	555	727	52
B'ham/Solihull	28	8	2	18	653	754	51
Hull	28	9	1	18	484	769	49
Stockport	28	2	1	25	418	1115	19

National League 3 Midlands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
South Leicester	25	24	0	1	917	388	114
Hinckley	25	19	0	6	681	372	90
P'borough Lns	25	17	0	8	855	450	88
Nuneaton	25	17	0	8	726	432	82
Bromsgrove	25	16	0	9	702	498	81
Old Hales	25	16	0	9	716	477	79
Scunthorpe	25	15	0	10	613	545	73
Sandbach	25	13	0	12	727	543	71
Lichfield	25	13	0	12	663	721	64
Longton	25	9	0	16	492	731	46
Sutton C'field	25	8	0	17	548	717	42
Bournville	25	4	0	21	452	925	23
Burton	25	3	0	22	397	888	17
Dudley Kings	25	1	0	24	281	1083	8

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport, Salop	25	24	0	1	1185	264	120
Worcs Wdrs	25	19	1	5	741	370	92
Hereford	25	18	0	7	630	425	84
Crewe/N'wich	25	14	0	11	637	650	75
Stoke on Trent	25	14	0	11	659	562	71
S'ford U Avon	25	14	1	10	542	495	66
Whitchurch	25	12	0	13	540	629	64
Walsall	25	12	1	12	625	660	62
Kenilworth	25	12	1	12	457	603	60
Leek	25	8	0	17	550	748	46
Silhillians	25	5	2	18	498	737	40
Barkers Butts	25	7	0	18	468	743	39
Earlsdon	25	6	0	19	483	758	35
B'well & Balsall	25	6	2	17	325	696	27

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth	20	20	0	0	923	135	98
Old Saltleians	22	19	0	3	674	263	92
Kidderminster	22	12	1	9	641	547	66
S'bridge Lions	22	12	1	9	514	498	63
Camp Hill	22	11	1	10	550	446	60
W'ton	22	12	0	10	473	462	59
Moseley Oak	21	12	0	9	420	470	54
Shrewsbury	22	8	1	13	379	408	48
Veseyans	22	8	0	14	447	632	45
Stafford	22	6	1	15	362	563	34
Ludlow	22	6	0	16	326	781	29
Tamworth	21	1	1	19	232	736	-1

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Handsworth	22	19	1	2	990	312	98
Harborne	22	18	2	2	907	399	97
Eccleshall	22	15	0	7	711	391	79
N'castle, Staffs.	22	15	0	7	917	321	76
Burntwood	22	13	1	8	660	424	63
Edwardians	22	14	0	8	471	386	62
Willenhall	22	12	1	9	500	366	61
Clee Hill	22	7	1	14	325	517	40
Wednesbury	22	7	0	15	448	548	39
Bloxwich	22	6	0	16	335	667	31
Uttoxeter	22	2	0	20	185	898	11
Aston OE	22	1	0	21	103	1323	4

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cleobury M	20	19	0	1	960	110	91
Cannock	20	16	1	3	519	170	78
Barton-U-N'wd	20	16	0	4	594	301	75
Rugeley	20	11	0	9	382	435	55
Bishops Castle	20	11	0	9	272	282	52
Telford Hornets	20	9	0	11	297	309	46
Yardley & Dist	20	7	1	12	333	408	38
Bromyard	20	8	0	12	432	494	35
Market Drayton	20	5	0	15	168	471	22
Greyhound	20	4	0	16	260	710	19
Tenbury	20	3	0	17	160	687	15

SHELTON Cricket Club, under new captain Mark Davies, are raring to go ahead of the start of a new Shropshire County League season, writes STUART DUNN.

Davies, also secretary of the Shrewsbury-based club, will lead his side into their first division opener at home to Pontesbury a week on Saturday, April 25.

Shelton are looking forward to having Shaun Davis available for half the games this year after an absence of a couple of years, but Farrell Younger-Waters has returned to Cound while Dave Langton has also moved on.

"I am delighted to be leading the 1st XI this season," said Davies.

Shelton, meanwhile, are pleased to have secured the backing of new sponsors Easy Flow.

"The Easy Flow name will appear on both the senior and junior shirts," added Davies. "The club are delighted to have Richard Timmis, the director of Easy Flow, on board. He has also become a committee member and has already done great things for the club."

■ Pictured, from left: Shelton CC chairman Matt Cadwallader, new captain Mark Davies and Richard Timmis, from sponsors Easy Flow.

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Church Stretton	16	14	0	2	543	195	69
Aldridge	16	13	1	2	617	213	66
Warley	16	11	0	5	399	265	55
Stourport	16	10	0	6	435	273	43
St Leonards	16	7	2	7	401	305	41
Essington	16	7	1	8	453	274	40
Chaddesley C	16	5	0	11	260	283	14
Whittington	16	3	0	13	113	572	9
B'ham B'arians.	16	0	0	16	116	957	1

South Lancs/Cheshire
Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool Coll	24	22	0	2	1047	206	110
Tyldesley	25	21	0	4	966	377	106
Southport	25	19	0	6	728	424	91
Oswestry	25	16	1	8	665	447	83
Dukinfield	25	15	1	9	604	457	77
Orrell	25	15	1	9	520	368	71
Ormskirk	25	11	1	13	608	492	57
V'bonds IOM	24	11	0	13	657	666	57
Moore	24	12	2	10	579	668	50
Port Sunlight	25	6	1	18	468	602	42
Marple	24	6	0	18	424	580	33
Prenton	24	4	0	20	332	879	21
Trentham	24	5	0	19	245	1047	18
Ashton-on-M	25	5	1	19	251	881	16

Midlands West Reserve
Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Luctonians II	13	13	0	0	620	91	52
Old Patesians II	13	9	0	4	507	227	40
Bromsgrove II	13	9	0	4	385	240	40
Nuneaton II	14	8	0	6	343	309	38
Old Hales II	12	6	0	6	193	319	30
Sutton C'field II	14	4	1	9	275	344	27
Dudley Kings II.	14	3	0	11	148	521	23
Worcs Wdrs II	14	1	1	12	117	535	17

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
N'port, Salop II.	11	10	0	1	401	119	41
Lichfield II	12	8	0	4	281	220	36
B'hm/S'hull Dev	12	8	0	4	251	184	35
Burton A XV	12	8	0	4	171	143	35
Hereford II	12	3	1	8	63	156	19
Walsall II	11	2	0	9	133	295	15
Bromsgrove III	12	1	1	10	35	218	11

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Camp Hill II	16	13	1	2	563	162	56
S'bridge Lns II	16	13	0	3	344	210	55
W'ton II	15	11	1	3	329	189	48
Luctonians III	16	11	0	5	251	146	47
Old Saltleians II	15	7	0	8	308	324	34
Sutton C'field III	15	5	0	10	190	511	30
DK Wasps XV	15	3	1	11	169	344	24
Droitwich II	16	3	0	13	262	365	21
Moseley Oak II	16	2	1	13	281	446	17

Shrewsbury Mediabox Snooker League
DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Harlescott A	22	17	5	79	31	82
Stanton A	22	16	6	74	36	74
Reman Serv A	22	16	6	68	42	69
Unison D	22	17	5	66	44	66
Reman Serv B	22	12	10	63	47	63
Beaconsfield B	22	14	8	62	48	62
Meole Brace A	22	11	11	56	54	56
Meole Brace F	22	10	12	54	56	54
Harlescott B	22	7	15	40	70	40
Reman Serv H	22	6	16	40	70	40
Reman Serv C	22	4	18	35	75	15
Beaconsfield A	22	2	20	23	87	23

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Wem Utd Serv A	21	16	5	64	41	66
Reman Serv D	22	14	8	64	46	65
Old Shrew A	22	13	9	62	48	62
Meole D	21	14	7	58	47	58
Reman Services G	22	11	11	57	53	57
Preston B'hurst	22	12	10	55	55	54
Bagley C	21	11	10	54	51	53
Unison E	21	11	10	53	52	53
Harlescott D	21	10	11	52	53	52
Meole Brace G	21	8	13	49	56	49
Meole Brace E	22	6	16	40	70	40
Wem Cons A	20	3	17	34	66	34

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Bagley B	20	14	6	68	32	68
Bagley A	20	16	4	65	35	66
Unison C	20	12	8	63	37	66
Wem Utd B	20	13	7	62	38	63
Church Stretton A	20	13	7	60	40	60
Beaconsfield C	20	12	8	60	40	60
Wem Cons B	20	11	9	57	43	57
Reman Serv F	20	7	13	41	59	41
Condover A	20	8	12	42	58	40
Reman Serv E	20	2	18	23	77	23
Bagley D	20	2	18	12	88	11

Shropshire Chess League
DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Priorslee Lions A	11	8	3	0	35.5	19.5	19
Newport A	11	6	2	3	32.5	22.5	14
Shrewsbury A	12	5	1	6	29.5	30.5	11
Telepost A	11	5	1	5	28	27	11
Wellington A	11	3	5	3	27.5	27.5	11
Telford A	11	3	1	7	20	35	7
Oswestry A	11	2	1	8	22	33	5

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Church Stretton A	11	10	0	1	47	8	20
Telford B	11	7	2	2	34	21	16
Telepost B	11	4	4	3	28	27	12
Shrewsbury B	11	3	5	3	25	30	11
Priorslee Lions B	11	2	4	5	23	32	8
Telford C	12	1	5	6	20	40	7
Wellington B	11	1	2	8	18	37	4

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Church Stretton B	12	10	2	0	36.5	11.5	22
Newport B	11	9	2	0	34	10	20
Newport C	11	6	0	5	21	23	12
Priorslee L C	11	5	1	5	20	24	11
Telepost C	12	2	3	7	17.5	30.5	7
Oswestry B	11	0	3	8	14.5	29.5	3
Newport Jun	10	1	1	8	12.5	27.5	3

Church Stretton & District Dominoes League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Green Dragon	21	15	3	3	103	65	33
Hundred House	20	10	3	7	93	97	27
Bucks Head	21	11	6	4	92	76	26
Green B	21	9	5	7	89	79	25
Stables	21	8	7	6	83	85	22
Royal Oak A	21	8	8	5	83	85	21
Church Stretton	21	6	7	8	81	87	21
Crown	22	5	9	8	79	97	18
Royal Oak B	21	6	10	5	81	87	17
Green A	20	6	10	4	78	82	16
Horseshoes	20	6	11	33	77	83	16
Kangaroo	21	5	11	5	72	96	15
White Horse	22	5	13	4	69	99	14

Ron's Gents Hairdressing Shrewsbury & District Dominoes League
DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crown A	32	19	9	4	153	103	47
Belvidere A	32	17	7	8	142	114	41
Frankwell CC	32	19	3	10	139	117	41
Woodman B	32	14	9	9	135	121	37
Rock A	32	14	7	11	135	121	35
Reman	32	12	11	9	129	127	35
Horseshoes	32	12	8	12	134	122	32
Compasses A	32	13	6	13	130	126	32
Belle Vue Tav	32	10	12	10	129	127	32
Pce of Wales A	32	9	13	10	124	132	31
Unison	32	12	5	15	129	127	29
Cross Foxes B	32	10	9	13	128	128	29
Compasses B	32	9	11	12	122	134	29
Telegraph CB	32	8	12	12	125	131	28
Boars Head	32	8	10	14	117	139	26
Rock C	32	10	4	18	114	142	24
Cross Foxes A	32	8	8	16	112	144	24
Brooklands A	32	9	6	17	107	149	24

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Monkmoor	29	19	4	6	142	90	42
Telepost	30	16	9	5	142	98	41
Red Lion	30	12	14	4	129	111	38
Rock B	30	11	13	6	127	113	35
Dog & Phes	30	12	10	8	121	119	34
Woodman	30	10	10	10	125	115	30
Telegraph Ro	30	11	8	11	120	120	30
Beeches	28	8	12	8	112	112	28
Mytton	28	10	8	10	106	118	28
Corbet Uff A	30	7	13	10	118	122	27
Royal Oak	29	10	6	13	113	119	26
Plough	29	6	14	9	113	119	26
Masonic	30	7	11	12	109	131	25
Telegraph A	30	8	8	14	109	131	24
Corbet Uff B	30	8	8	14	109	131	24
Harry Hots	29	7	10	12	107	125	24
G.F.B.C.	30	6	8	16	106	134	20

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bull in Barn B	29	16	5	8	127	105	37
Bird	28	15	7	6	124	100	37
Harlescott SC	28	14	8	6	126	98	36
Horseshoes	29	11	11	7	121	111	33
Hare & Hounds	28	13	6	9	121	103	32
Beeches	29	14	4	11	119	113	32
Ad Duncan	28	11	10	7	118	106	32
Heathgates B	28	13	6	9	117	107	32
Heathgates A	28	11	5	12	109	115	27
Belvidere	29	8	10	11	112	120	26
Red Castle	28	9	8	11	107	117	26
Bull in the Barn A	28	9	7	12	111	113	25
Red Lion	28	7	9	12	107	117	23
Crown	28	8	7	13	105	119	23
Bagley	28	6	4	18	92	132	16
Wheatsheaf	28	4	7	17	92	132	15

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Masonic	29	22	4	3	159	73	48
Rock D	31	20	7	4	156	92	47
Brooklands	30	16	8	6	136	104	40
Anchor HG	30	15	7	8	138	102	37
Cressage	30	15	6	9	130	110	36
Compasses BH	28	15	6	7	123	101	36
Coach	30	14	6	10	134	106	34
Dolphin	30	9	12	9	121	119	30
Brick Copth	29	12	4	13	114	118	28
Brick A F'gate	30	12	4	14	112	128	28
Prince	29	8	11	10	113	119	27
Inn on Green	30	11	4	15	111	129	26
Seven Stars	28	7	6	15	100	124	20
Coracle	26	5	9	12	88	120	19
Bulls Head	28	5	7	16	93	131	17
Britannia	30	1	0	29	52	188	2

Wrockwardine Wood Monday Night Dominoes Mini League
DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Blue Pig	14	11	3	56	42	78
Black & White	14	10	4	57	41	77
Rec Club	14	9	5	54	44	72
Foresters	14	6	8	49	49	61
Wendy House A	14	5	9	47	51	57
Don Sports	14	6	8	44	54	56
Duke A	14	5	9	45	53	55
Bulls Head	14	4	10	40	58	48

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Football C	14	11	3	59	39	81
Coalport	14	6	8	54	44	66
Labour	14	7	7	48	50	62
Duke B	14	6	8	48	50	60
Football A	14	5	9	49	49	59
Wendy House B	14	7	7	45	53	59
White Horse	14	7	7	45	53	59
Football B	14	7	7	44	54	58

Corvedale Dominoes League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
THS	24	16	2	6	117	75	38
Bantams	24	15	4	5	115	77	35
Dragon	24	14	5	5	109	83	33
Outsiders	24	12	8	4	106	86	28
Insiders	24	10	9	5	98	94	25
Burway A	24	10	10	4	85	97	24
Stars	24	9	10	5	90	102	23
Burway B	24	7	9	8	92	100	22
Longville	24	8	11	5	91	101	21
Sun	24	4	11	9	87	105	17
Boyne	24	7	14	3	84	108	17
Swan	24	5	13	6	85	107	16
Tally	24	3	14	7	113		13

Wellington Winter Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Malt Shovel A	23	16	7	117	90	60
Park Hotel B	23	14	9	111	96	56
Horseshoes	23	13	10	114	93	55
Park Hotel A	23	14	9	114	92	50
Railway	23	11	12	107	100	47
Woolpack	23	10	13	100	107	42
Captain Webb	23	9	14	96	111	39
Malt Shovel B	24	10	14	91	125	38
Oddfellows	23	7	16	86	121	29

Creative Digital Shrewsbury Table Tennis League
PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Shrewsbury CC A	13	13	0	0	380	67	125
Shrewsbury CC C	14	11	1	2	339	170	103
Shrewsbury CC B	14	9	2	3	337	170	99
Prees C & R Club	14	8	1	5	259	221	79
Shrewsbury CC D	14	5	1	8	213	295	55
Clive Saints	13	3	1	9	145	325	31
Unison A	12	1	1	10	114	292	24
Pontesbury A	14	0	1	13	122	369	24

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Pontesbury C	14	12	1	1	321	193	95
Leebotwood	14	8	4	2	306	221	84
Belvidere A	14	6	2	6	282	274	76
Shrewsbury CC E	14	7	3	4	261	265	72
Pontesbury B	14	6	3	5	276	269	71
Unison B	14	5	1	8	267	270	67
Myddle A	14	2	4	8	242	285	62
Rushbury A	14	0	2	12	171	349	33

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Rushbury B	14	14	0	0	392	71	126
Belvidere B	14	8	2	4	296	191	88
Pontesbury D	13	6	4	3	264	179	81
Rushbury C	13	7	4	2	264	201	78
Myddle B	14	7	2	5	278	215	78
Shrewsbury CC G	14	4	2	8	224	280	61
Belvidere C	14	2	0	12	123	353	29
Belvidere D	14	0	0	14	50	401	9

Mercian Regional Football League
PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Telford Juniors	21	16	3	2	61	22	51
FC Oswestry T	23	13	4	6	48	28	43
FC Hodnet	22	11	5	6	50	38	38
Allscott	22	9	9	4	57	38	36
Shifnal Utd	97	23	10	6	7	41	36
AFC B'nth Res	21	11	3	7	45	47	36
Childs Ercall	23	9	6	8	54	46	33
Whitchurch Al	20	10	3	7	39	39	33
Ketley Bank U	20	8	2	10	39	49	26
Wroxeter Rov	21	7	2	12	58	56	23
Well Am Res	19	6	3	10	30	43	21
Church Stretton	25	6	3	16	34	52	21
Prees	24	5	5	14	35	55	20
Madeley Sports	24	4	4	16	34	78	16

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Broseley	20	16	1	3	78	18	49
Wrock Wood	18	13	2	3	58	24	41
Rock Rovers	19	11	1	7	65	43	37
Clee Hill Utd	20	11	3	6	52	37	36
Donn C S&S	19	10	2	7	63	48	32
Bishops Castle	20	9	1	10	40	44	28
AFC Wellington	20	9	1	10	50	55	28
Brown Clee	19	6	3	10	27	52	21
Wrock Wd Jnrs	20	4	5	11	35	61	19
Claverley	19	5	1	13	46	76	19
Oakengates R	20	2	2	16	23	79	11

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke Heath	22	19	1	2	122	35	58
Highley MW	21	18	0	3	129	18	54
Gobowen Celtic	22	16	1	5	115	32	49
Spalaig Brit	21	11	2	8	75	56	35
Belvidere	19	10	1	8	65	53	31
AFC Broseley R	21	7	5	9	46	44	26
Shifnal Harriers	22	6	7	9	63	72	25
Riverside	22	6	6	10	54	64	24
St Martins Vill	20	6	2	12	62	71	20
Whitchurch AR	21	5	5	11	51	64	20
Albrighton Jnrs	21	4	4	13	56	66	16
Denso	20	1	0	19	15	278	3

JSR Construction Bridgnorth Five-a-side League
DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
B Clee Eagles	21	14	5	2	50	19	47
GTE Transport	21	14	4	3	53	19	46
Green Army	21	13	4	4	50	19	43
Down Inn	21	9	9	3	34	22	36
Bulldog 2012	21	10	3	8	50	32	33
Extraction FC	21	9	4	8	37	35	31
Alveley	21	8	6	7	36	29	30
Assured FC	21	7	3	11	43	47	24
Brown Clee	21	7	2	12	32	48	23
B/N CC	21	6	2	13	30	41	20
Fosters Arms	21	3	3	15	14	68	12
Burwarton Ath	21	2	3	16	19	68	9

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
G'ger & Worrall	21	18	1	2	78	24	55
The Falcon	21	15	0	6	62	29	45
Town Crier	21	13	2	6	49	29	41
BC Beagles	21	11	4	6	39	22	37
Silverthorne OB	21	11	3	7	41	40	36
Claverley	21	10	2	9	43	35	32
Old Castle	21	8	3	10	31	33	27
Black Horse	21	8	2	11	24	43	26
Golden Lion	21	6	3	12	32	39	21
DV Roberts	21	5	3	13	26	60	18
EDG FC	21	4	4	13	23	58	16
Average Joe's	21	3	1	17	18	54	10

Spar Mid Wales League

League Cup quarter finals: Montgomery 2 Bow Street 3, Waterloo 4. Llanrhaeadr 5
Division one: Aberaeron 2, Rhosgoch 1, Carno 3, Aberystwyth Uni 2, Llanfair Utd 4, Machynlleth 0, Tywyn Bryncrug 1, Penrhyncoch 1.
Division two: Kerry 3, Dyffryn Banw 1.
E R Jenkins semi-final: Borth Utd 3, Abermule 1.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Llanfair Utd	26	21	2	3	96	33	65
Penrhyncoch	27	19	5	3	69	25	62
Carno	27	16	5	6	73	41	53
Llanrhaeadr	24	15	4	5	67	40	49
Bow Street	26	12	7	7	52	48	43
Rhosgoch	25	12	6	7	51	44	39
Aberaeron	28	11	3	14	57	62	36
Llansantffraid	30	10	5	15	51	68	35
Welshpool	26	9	7	10	52	62	34
Waterloo	26	9	6	11	62	58	33
Machynlleth	27	9	5	13	44	68	32
Tywyn/Bryncrug	26	8	5	12	51	72	29
Montgomery	27	7	6	14	52	46	27
Four Crosses	28	7	6	15	46	69	27
Berriew	29	7	6	16	44	71	27
Aber Uni	22	1	0	21	25	85	3

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Knighton	24	20	3	1	113	18	63
Hay St Marys	22	18	1	3	93	40	55
Abermule	23	14	2	7	76	45	44
Kerry	21	14	2	5	53	35	44
Builth Wells	23	12	3	8	60	40	39
Borth Utd	22	12	3	7	61	45	39
Churchstoke	23	11	1	11	57	71	34
Bont	24	9	3	12	52	59	30
Dyffryn Banw	23	8	3	12	45	61	27
Presteigne	21	5	4	12	47	69	19
N'bridge-on-Wye	24	5	1	18	37	85	16
Penybont	22	4	0	18	45	86	12
Talgarth	24	3	0	21	28	113	3

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Llandudno	30	22	5	3	96	27	71
Caernarfon T	30	20	6	4	82	25	66
Guilsfield	30	19	6	5	68	33	63
Buckley Town	30	15	7	8	69	47	52
H'head Hotspur	30	15	6	9	49	38	51
Porthmadog	30	15	5	10	63	35	50
Denbigh Town	30	14	6	10	54	51	48
Caersws	30	13	8	9	61	47	47
Mold Alex	30	13	5	12	58	49	44
Flint Town Utd	30	13	5	12	39	45	44
Conwy Borough	30	12	5	13	52	46	41
Rhayader T	30	8	6	16	42	53	30
Llanidloes T	30	8	5	17	55	78	29
Penycae	30	6	4	20	46	78	22
L'drindod Wells	30	5	3	22	32	103	18
Rhydymwyn	30	1	0	29	21	132	0

Telford Flooring - Telford Sunday Football League

Kath Ford Cup Final at Shifnal Town FC (ko 5.00pm): Shifnal Town Europeans 6, Bush FC Donnington Station 0.
Shropshire FA Sunday Challenge Cup semi-final: Shifnal Royals 0, Honeysuckle FC 1.
Telford Sunday League Challenge Cup semi-final : Plough Inn Wellington 2, Randlay United 1.
Premier Division Bulls Head Dawley Bank FC: Riverside 1, FC Bulls Head Dawley Bank 1; Unicorn FC 2, Mallard 5.
Division three:Wrockwardine Wood Juniors 6, Lion Priorslee 2.
CA Ford Competition: Rose & Crown Stirchley 2, Lord Hill Market Drayton 2; Wrekin View 6, Dugout FC 0; Shifnal North End 1,Cressage 2.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Plough Inn Well	11	9	1	1	43	9	28
Mallard	13	9	1	3	45	18	28
FC Bulls H DB	14	7	3	4	32	24	24
Shifnal NE	13	6	0	7	25	32	18
Cressage	11	5	0	6	21	20	15
Unicorn FC	12	4	3	5	29	36	15
Park FC	12	2	1	9	13	42	7
Riverside	12	1	3	8	20	47	6

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Randlay Utd	12	9	2	1	57	17	29
Shifnal Royals	12	8	0	4	51	19	24
Red Lion FC	10	7	2	1	44	25	23
Wrock Wd 2013	12	5	2	5	39	34	17
Honeysuckle FC	11	3	1	7	28	35	10
Celtic Spartans	12	2	3	7	22	44	9
Telford Rngrs	11	0	2	9	10	77	2

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shifnal T Euro	14	12	0	2	76	15	36
Barley FC	14	10	1	3	61	24	31
Bush D Station	14	9	0	5	47	34	27
Dawley SC	14	6	2	6	43	41	20
Lord Hill MD	12	5	1	6	20	38	16
Hinstock Falc	14	4	2	8	27	39	14
R & C Stirchley	14	2	3	9	23	65	9
Cosford Utd	12	1	1	10	18	59	4

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dugout FC	16	13	0	3	80	27	39
Bulls H DB Vets	16	13	0	3	55	25	39
Wrekin View FC	16	11	1	4	63	21	34
Wrock Wd Jnrs	16	10	0	6	57	45	30
Lion Priorslee	16	9	1	6	57	42	28
Travellers Joy	16	7	1	8	40	40	22
Lawley FC	16	5	0	11	29	58	15
Turf FC	16	1	2	13	17	87	5
Telford Albion FC	16	0	1	15	21	74	1

Greenhous Shrewsbury & District Sunday Football League

D.S. Milward Consolation Cup: Norbury 1, Condover Foxes 3; Cruckton Rovers 3, Beacon 3; Crown Coleham 1, Brockton Rovers 3.
Premier division: The Gates 4, Saha 6; Pontesbury 0, Compasses 1.
Division one: Charles Darwin 1, Kinnerley 1; Rock Rovers Youth 6, Peacock Cor 0.
Division two: Belvidere 2, Athletico Market 5.
Division three: Dudlestone Heath 1, Craven Arms 1; Bull in Barne 0, White Lion 1; Sundorne 0, Saha Youth 3.
Division four: Nags Head 2, Beeches 1; Dun Cow 4, Onslow 6; Bricklayers 3, Monkmoor United 2.
Shropshire FA Challenge Cup semi final: Boars Head 3, Steam Wagon 2.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Cruckton Rovers	14	11	1	2	34	34
Instones Utd	13	10	1	2	40	31
S.A.H.A.	13	8	1	4	7	25
Coton Rovers	16	8	1	7	0	25
Pontesbury	14	7	3	4	5	24
The Gates	16	7	3	6	-4	24
Loppington	14	6	1	7	-6	19
Compasses	16	5	1	10	-13	16
Anchor Inn	17	3	2	12	-35	11
Wem Sunday	15	1	2	12	-28	5

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Rock Rvrs Youth	12	8	2	2	28	26
Kinnerley	12	7	2	3	17	23
Condover Foxes	12	7	1	4	18	22
Norbury	13	6	2	5	-2	20
Peacock C'thians	15	5	3	7	-6	18
Charles Darwin	13	5	1	7	-3	16
Minsterley	13	4	4	5	-7	16
Coracle AFC	14	4	2	8	-27	14
Rock Rovers	12	3	1	8	-18	10

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Athletico Market	16	14	2	0	46	44
Beacon	13	10	1	2	27	31
Saddlers	15	9	3	3	12	30
Steam Wagon	13	8	2	3	31	26
Telegraph	16	6	3	7	15	21
Belvidere	14	7	0	7	-2	21
Unison	16	6	1	9	-5	19
Boars Head	16	5	2	9	1	17
Crown Coleham	13	1	0	12	-31	3
Brockton Rovers	16	1	0	15	-94	3

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Red Barne	13	13	0	0	38	39
Snailbeach	16	8	2	6	12	26
S.A.H.A.Youth	14	7	2	5	5	23
Sundorne	12	7	1	4	10	22
Craven Arms Sun	11	6	2	3	16	20
D'stone Heath	12	5	0	7	-10	15
Castlefields	12	4	1	7	-17	13
White Lion	12	1	2	9	-20	5
Bull In The Barne	14	1	2	11	-34	5

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Reman Youth	17	16	0	1	74	48
Onslow	18	12	2	4	38	38
Beeches	16	9	2	5	15	29
Dun Cow	19	9	2	8	-1	29
Prince of Wales	19	8	3	8	-5	27
Nags Head	14	7	2	5	4	23
Monkmoor Utd	16	6	0	10	-8	18
Bricklayers	16	4	4	8	-24	16
Anchor Frankwell	15	4	1	10	-20	13
Old PO Wem	18	4	1	13	-45	13
Wheatsheaf	16	3	3	10	-28	12

Church Stretton & District Darts League

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pts
Green B	20	17	0	3	117	43	54
Green A	20	16	1	3	120	40	51
Clunton B	20	13	2	5	100	60	44
Stokesay	20	9	8	3	88	72	27
Plough	20	10	8	2	80	80	27
Hundred House	20	8	9	3	78	82	27
Clunton A	20	6	11	3	68	92	21
Kings Head	20	7	12	1	74	86	18
Appletree	20	3	11	6	63	97	15
Crown Wentnor	20	2	14	4	53	107	10
CSDC	20	1	16	3	39	121	6
Kamgaroo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Gnosall & District Friendly Darts League
DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honeysuckle	19	17	0	2	154	93	34
Lamb	18	16	0	2	156	78	32
Gnosall Club	18	11	0	7	132	102	22
Junction	18	6	0	12	112	122	12
Cock	18	6	0	12	105	129	12
Coach A	17	6	0	11	91	130	12
Horns	7	4	0	3	50	41	8
Red Lion G	17	0	0	17	58	163	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
M O B C	19	17	0	2	171	76	34
Swan	19	15	0	4	169	78	30
New Inn	19	12	0	7	133	115	24
M O B B	19	8	0	11	107	140	16
M O B A	17	7	0	10	94	127	14
Navigation	16	6	0	10	95	113	12
Cock B	16	4	0	12	87	123	8
Coach B	15	1	0	14	56	140	2

Finley is impressing with the Dragons

SAM Finley boosted his hopes of making a permanent switch to Vanarama Conference side Wrexham following back-to-back man of the match awards.

The midfielder, on loan at the Racecourse from Welsh Premier champions The New Saints, has impressed in recent weeks under current caretaker manager and former TNS assistant Carl Darlington

"Sam was given an opportunity to come here to Wrexham and he hasn't put a foot wrong really in any of the games he as played," said Darlington.

"He has shown great desire and a test of character, and he has worked hard in closing players down which is one of his biggest strengths and then when he wins the ball he has got a lot of quality.

"He has got quality and long range, short range of passing and he can balance off both feet, so he is an excellent player, it is not my decision unfortunately but he is one for the future and he deserves an opportunity."

TNS chairman Mike Harris, added: "It just goes to highlight that there are many good players within the Welsh Premier and it proves the quality of the players in the league.

"I am sure that Carl Darlington will be transforming Wrexham so that they can once again stand out and measure up against their proud history.

"However, like all good things, it takes time."

Morda can't be caught at top

A BRACE from local youngster Liam Edwards following an opener from Keith Meredith secured Morda a 3-1 victory over Berriew reserves – that should be enough to secure the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division two crown.

With title rivals Llanymynech and Forden United both losing, Colin Turner's squad are now awaiting confirmation that they are league champions irrespective of the outcome of their three remaining games.

With five of last week's team unavailable, boss Turner was forced make significant changes to his side, but they were slow to get into their stride.

In a lacklustre first half, neither side created any chances until Tom Stedman fed Keith Meredith who fired home the opening goal on the stroke of half time.

A half-time team discussion saw Morda emerge for the second half with much more purpose and were rewarded on the hour when teenage substitute Edwards latched on to a goalkeeping mistake and forced the ball home.

Within three minutes, the youngster showed great persistence to fire home at the third attempt after his first shot was parried out and his second cleared off the line. Berriew pulled one back with 15 minutes remaining when Ryan Jenkins lifted the ball over the diving Josh Thomas in a one-on-one situation.

The club is awaiting confirmation from officials that they are champions but results elsewhere mean that Morda cannot now be caught whatever the outcome of remaining matches.

The Weston Road side have three away games to complete their league programme, first tonight (Wednesday) away to Welshpool where they face Waterloo Rovers Colts in a 6.30 kick off.

On Saturday they will play at Forden United and the following week they face Kerry reserves, both games to kick off at 2:30pm.

Guils sign off season with super away win

GUILSFIELD brought the curtain down on an excellent third placed finish in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance with a 2-1 win at close rivals Buckley Town.

Goals in each half from Jack Richards and Andy Ford clinched the spoils for the Guils, and their highest ever points tally of 63, after Adam Eden had levelled before half time for the home side who finished one place below.

The villagers began the game brightly, taking the game to the hosts, and their reward came on 26 minutes as youngster Richards netted with a left footed drive into the left hand corner of the net.

Buckley came back into the game and levelled eight minutes from half time when a long throw from the left evaded the back four and Eden hooked a left footed shot into the net.

Guilsfield dominated the second half and were back in front on 73 minutes with Ford arriving in the box to head home Mark Davies' flick on after a Chris Cathrall long throw.

Meanwhile, Caersws ended a modest league campaign after being held 1-1 by Mold Alex at the Rrecreation Ground.

The Bluebirds dominated with John Owen giving them a 23rd minute lead when latching onto an Ian Probert through ball.

They had further chances with Steve Blenkinsop clipping the bar, but paid the price for not increasing the margin when conceding a sloppy penalty in the 76th minute which was converted by John McAuliffe.

Relegation doomed Llandrindod Wells finished with a 0-0 draw at home to Rhayader Town.

New Saints pegged back in real thriller

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

The New Saints 3 Aberystwyth Town 3

THE New Saints just about clung onto their proud unbeaten record after Aberystwyth Town staged a dramatic second half fightback to rescue a deserved point at Park Hall.

The Welsh Premier champions walked out to a guard of honour, but the pleasantries were soon forgotten as they struck three times in the first half to dent the Seasiders' hopes of Europa League qualification.

But, unbeaten at home since November 2012, Craig Harrison's men were made to fight all the way in the second half as Aber stormed back with Mark Jones earning parity in injury time with a 20-yard strike.

The Saints would have been relieved to extend their unbeaten run to 39 games after such a fluctuating encounter – and they are now just three games away from going through the season unbeaten and landing a famous treble.

Boss Harrison admitted his side had a rare off night. but refused to be overly critical of his players who are still on course for a remarkable season,.

"We were disappointed with the result as we were in a great position to go on to win the game at half time, but the second half was not good enough," he said. "We never got a foothold in the game in the second half, but it would be unfair for me to have a go at the lads as they have been superb week in week out."

There was little sign of the drama ahead as TNS bossed the first half to take a three-goal lead at the interval in the last league action at Park Hall this term, with the breakthrough coming in the 13th minute.

After Mike Wilde's strike was tipped round the post at full stretch by keeper Mike Lewis, the resulting corner saw Jamie Reed head in the loose ball from close range.

Scott Quigley was then denied by Lewis as the hosts turned up the pressure, Reed then hitting the bar with a terrific effort as the chances flowed.

And a second goal duly arrived on 27 minutes when winger Quigley launched an incisive run into the box before steering his shot into the bottom corner.

Wilde then got in on the act just a minute later with his close range finish at the back post from a loose ball beating Lewis to put the Saints in what appeared total charge.

Spot of bother for FC Oswestry

Rob Shone gets up to win this header against Prees in the cup semi-final. *Picture: Ian Jones.*

FC OSWESTRY Town missed out on a place in the final of the Mercian Premier League Cup after a late penalty sentenced them to a 2-1 loss at Prees.

Looking to progress to the league cup final at AFC Telford's New Bucks Head ground, Town made the trip in good heart after recently lifting the Commander Ethelston Trophy.

However, the opening exchanges were dominated by the home side who were soon ahead with a well taken goal from eight yards out.

As the first half wore on, Town started to dominate without finding the equaliser, while the second half saw them show their true quality with Paul Bache denied by a fine save from the home keeper.

But they got their rewards 10 minutes into the second period when Dave Hartshorn forced an error by a Prees defender and Bache picked out Adam Jones who slotted home at the back post. The Oswestry side looked well placed to progress but finishing was the trouble and, 10 minutes from time, Prees were awarded a penalty which they converted to seal their place in the final.

Town look to put the cup exit behind them when they travel to leaders Telford Juniors (3pm) on Saturday as they look to maintain their challenge in the Mercian Regional League premier division.

Ben powers to victory at Brands Hatch

GUILSFIELD racing driver Ben Power stormed back to emerge the overall winner on both days as the hotly contested National Legends Car Championship visited Brands Hatch.

The 25-year-old returned to form to win three races out of the six over the weekend, and finished fourth in the other three.

Despite a disappointing opening round at Oulton Park in March, Power now lies second in the championship behind former world champion John Mickel.

Last year, he finished a career-high second in the prestigious championship, which is regularly televised.

The climax of the weekend was the final on Sunday, when Power worked his way to the front, and then held off a ferocious challenge from Mickel to take the honours.

The field included drivers from all over the UK as well as visitors from mainland Europe.

"It was a fantastic weekend," said Power.

New Saints get all-clear for Europe

THE New Saints have once again been successful in their application for both a UEFA and FAW domestic licence.

The hard work from staff such as chief operating officer Ian Williams and finance director Helen Harris has been key to obtaining a licence year in, year out which has helped build a platform for the team to achieve success on the pitch.

The club licensing system aims to assist the continual improvement and development of football clubs at the top level within Wales. Licensing is a transparent process that enables clubs to demonstrate to their stakeholders that they meet quality standards.

An FAW Domestic club licence is required for clubs to participate in the Welsh Premier League and for those clubs who qualify for European competitions, a UEFA licence is also a pre-requisite.

Four-star Llanfair back in the groove

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

LLANFAIR United are firmly back in the driving seat in the race for the Spar Mid Wales League division one crown after securing a comfortable 4-0 home success over Machynlleth.

After a recent wobble that saw three defeats in four league outings, United steadied the ship thanks to a four-goal haul from James Davies to give themselves some daylight in the title race.

And their cause was helped with their only realistic challengers Penrhyncoch surprisingly held 1-1 at lowly Tywyn Bryncrug, which means the league leaders are now three points clear with a game in hand.

It leaves them requiring seven points from their remaining four outings to secure the crown although six points could be enough as they have a vastly superior goal difference.

And that equation could be reduced significantly should they defeat Penrhyncoch in Saturday's top-of-the table showdown at the Mount.

Improving Tywyn took an interval lead against Penrhyn with an own goal from Jon Foligno who then scored at the other end to level matters after the break.

CARNO maintained their push for third spot after edging out rock bottom Aberystwyth University 3-2, a victory that sentenced the struggling students to relegation.

Playing against a strong wind in the first half, the university defended well before being breached five minutes from the interval when a loose ball fell to Stephen Jones on the edge of the box and he curled a terrific shot into the top corner.

But the visitors were soon back on terms through Niall Jones but a well-struck free kick from Jordan Davies restored the home lead before the interval.

With the elements in their favour after the break, the students were back on terms when Matthew Hunton scored direct from a corner, but Carno were not to be denied as Peter Rees pounced for the winner.

Aberaeron were 2-1 winners at home to Rhosgoch in the day's other first division game, while, in the only second division action, **DYFFRYN BANW** succumbed 3-1 at Kerry who are looking good for third spot.

■ **LLANRHAEADR** booked their place in the semi-final of the Spar Mid Wales League Cup after surviving a late fightback to shade a nine-goal thriller at Waterloo Rovers.

Barry Morris scored four of the goals for the Villagers, Iwan Morris their other goalscorer as they saw off their Maesydre hosts 5-4 to set up a semi-final meeting with Bow Street.

Despite opening up a 2-0 lead, Llan were made to battle all the way as Will Pritchard pulled one back to reduce the arrears at the interval.

A goal early in the second period restored Llan's two goal cushion, but Rovers were in no mood to surrender as substitute Tom Ellis scored with his first touch with 20 minutes remaining.

As they pushed for a leveller, Waterloo were breached twice more as the visitors looked to have made the game safe at 5-2.

But the home side staged a late rally with goals from Andy Gwilt and David Williams in the last five minutes, and had chances to have bagged an unlikely leveller.

In the last four, Llanrhaeadr will now meet Bow Street who scraped a 3-2 passage at **MONTGOMERY.**

In the other quarter finals, being played last night (wed), Penrhyncoch welcomed Tywyn Bryncrug and would meet the winners out of the tie involving Llanfair and Kerry.

Elsewhere, Abermule went down 3-1 at Borth United in the ER Jenkins semi-final.

Shropshire trials prove to be a hit

THE first ever Shropshire junior trials have been declared a big success.

Held on Sunday at Shrewsbury Severnside, the trials were the brainchild of Simon Parsonage so that he and his fellow county junior selectors could take a close look at all the under-18s eager to play for Shropshire.

"The trials were a great success with 48 juniors turning up," said delighted county deputy president Phil Scott.

"Of that number, 40 played in a competition which was run in 10 teams of four while eight smaller juniors came for the coaching side run by Peter Carter."

The winning team was Monique Higgs – fresh from beating county No.1 Callum Wraight 21-8 for District in the Whitchurch League – Olivia Davenport, Adam Dovey and Lorna Parsons.

They beat Callum Parsons, Nathan Healey, Matthew Farmer and Jack Shepherd in the final after more than four hours of action on the three greens at Severnside.

Organisers in plea for more entries

TWO organisers of countywide competitions have made an urgent appeal for entries.

Bob Elcock, who is the man behind the Shropshire Senior Citizens Cup, is concerned about numbers for the six-a-side knockout.

"I am now seeking entries for this year and they are slow coming in," said Elcock, who can be contacted on 01952 405490.

And Shropshire Ladies competition secretary Louise Cotton has issued a reminder that today is the cut-off point for entries in two events.

They are Ladies County Doubles on a Telford area green on Sunday, May 3 (10am) and the Cyril Lewis Mixed Doubles at Sinclair the next day (10am and 2pm sessions with finals at 6pm). Contact 07732 347953.

Mother and daughter in win on the golf course

A mother and daughter dominated to make the Mid Wales Ladies Golf Asscoiation championships a family affair at Welshpool Golf Club on Friday and Saturday.

Ellen Jones was crowned Mid Wales champion with her mother Ann Newell taking the plate competition.

Sue Jones made it an all-Welshpool win by landing the best nett score in gale force winds on The Golfa course

And the club's ladies were also on top form in the Ladies Mail On Sunday competition, beating Padeswood and Buckley by 3 and 2 an also seeing off Oswestry 7 and 6 in the Daily Mail competition.

Mark Williams produced a remarkable score of 41 points despite gale force winds at Welshpool Golf Club on Saturday.

Williams returned the score to win the Golfa Plate stableford event with a field of 81 golfers braving the high winds. Mike Gittins claimed second place with 37 points, while Richard Templeton was a point adrift to take third place on the countback from Dai Jones.

The conditions got even worse on Sunday with the club forced to abandon the Transport Maintenance and Arthur Barratt competition because of the wind.

HENLLE PARK

Club Monthly Medal Division 1: T Meehan 73–6=67; R Tattersall 80–11=69; C Thomas 76–6=70. Division 2: G Gill 88–16=72; M Higginson 93–19=74; P Roberts 91–17=74. Division 3: S Roberts 95–23=72; R Hatton 100–26=74; J Parry 102–28=74.

Ladies' Monthly Medal: P Tattersall 93–15=78; S Meehan 91–12=79; M Shelton 96–16= 80.

Seniors' Individual Stableford Division 1: A Wright 40pts; A James 37pts. Division 2: J Horton 40pts; N Russell 36pts (c/b).

MILE END

Wales v England: Wales won7-4.

March Medal Div 1: P Griffiths 77-13-64; A Jones 77-11-66; R Burke 79-12-67. Div 2: J Jones 82-19-63; B Moody 83-19-64; N Exton 82-14-68. Div 3: J Stansfield 89-25-64; N Rogers 97-26-71; A Williams 91-20-71.

Captain's Drive In: K Davies, P Kenyon, M Ryan, B Powers 94pts; N Exton, K Evans, A Stansbie, K Hayman 91pts.

Ladies' March Medal Division 1: A Eke 93-18-75; J Jones 90-14-76; A Ord 90-14-76. Division 2: J Bennett 103-30-73; P Kenyon 104-29-75; C Evans 110-35-75.

Whitmore Trophy: J Northwood 76-10-66; B Hunter 88-21-67.

March Stableford Division 1: B Brain 35pts; A Eke 35pts; R Jones 35. Division 2: H Cawley 41pts; J Rogers 31; J Bennett 29.

OSWESTRY

Medical Trophy Four Ball Better Ball Medal: R Jones & D Hughes 63; D Parry & A Shannon 63 (c/b); M Dickens & G Evans 64; A Gilbert & M Knapper 65 (c/b); N Wilson & C Colquhoun 65; P Turner & R Sinclair 66 (c/b).

Men's Spring Open: D Evans & I Pearce (Oswestry) 43 (c/b); J Dicks & R Speake (Worfield) 43 (c/b); S Gale & R Webb (Oswestry) 43; J Edmiston & R Hamilton (Worfield) 42 (c/b); I Humphreys & P Jones (Llangollen / Shrewsbury) 42; W Wersun & T Battersby (Wychwood) 41 (c/b).

Ladies Alice Kempster Rosebowl - Foursomes Medal: P Davies & E Aubrey 94–25–69; W Pughe & D Mottram 93–21–72; J Williams & D Hall 91–18–73; D Jones & M Brogden 92–18–74; R Wigley & M Dunbar 92– 17.5 –74.5.

St Martins' title hopes fading

ST MARTINS lost pole position – and possibly their title hopes in the West Midlands League division one – after suffering a surprise 3-2 loss to Shenstone Pathfinders in their last home game of the season at Park Hall

Having gone top of the table the previous week with a one goal victory over Bartestree, the Saints slipped back into second place, one point behind Bromyard Town who also have three games in hand.

They visit the leaders on Saturday, but still look well placed for promotion to the premier division after two of their rivals, Stone Old Alleynians and Wrens Nest, also lost.

The Saints had their chances in the first half, but went behind on 15 minutes following a lack of communication between keeper and defender as Josh Heston nippd in to slot the loose ball into an empty net.

But they took control with some good football from back to front, with Karl Bailey rounding off a fine move to level on 25 minutes before Shin Miah drove home a left-footed strike five minutes before half time afar Josh Sumner and Shawn Melusi had combined.

But Shenstone looked a different proposition in the second half with Heston bagging his second on the hour following a defensive mix-up, before taking the lead 10 minutes later.

With their visitors doing their utmost to waste time, St Martins struggled to get back into their stride, although they spurned a couple of late chances to earn parity.

They now have three away games remaining, the first of which is at Bromyard on Saturday, as they chase a top-two finish and promotion to the premier division.

Rampant Eagles go try-crazy with 12

RUGBU UNION by John Bridgwater

RAMPANT Oswestry launched a try fest as they swamped lowly Ashton on Mersey 72-3 to guarantee a fourth place finish in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

It was a convincing display of rugby against the league's basement side, with the Eagles crossing the whitewash 12 times to delight their supporters.

Luca Owen-Youens constantly prised open the Ashton defence from his position as full-back to grab four of the tries.

Scrum half Hamish Fuller darted and weaved through the Ashton lines for a brace of touchdowns, while fellow New Zealander Zac Baldwin also went over twice. Jonny Lee, Andrew Merrett, Jamie Luckett and captain Andy Smith all scored one try each as Os proved to much to handle for the Ashton side .

Buoyed by their biggest win of the season, Oswestry now look to maintain that form as they bid to finish their campaign on a high when they head to the Isle of Man on Saturday looking to repeat last season's famous success at Vagabonds.

OSWESTRY II remain in the relegation places in the Freshlet North West League division four (south) after their 38-12 loss at Old Bedians - and must defeat Trafford Metrovick III in the last game on Saturday to avoid the drop.

Despite Os starting well, Old Bedians began to build pressure and finally carved an opening for their first try, which went unconverted.

The hosts were again on the front foot and, after being met by some spirited defence, popped through a gap to score their second unconverted touchdown.

The Eagles hit back when the ball was quickly sent through the hands back to winger Joel Lyttle who crossed for his first score for the club, which was unconverted. However, with the clock ticking down for the first half, Old Bedians found a way through for a third score, this time converted, for a 17-5 interval lead.

Another converted try following a quickly taken penalty saw the home side extend their lead further after the break, and they made it five tries after more good work to leave the visitors with an uphill task.

Old Bedians, however, found themselves down to 13 men after having two players sin binned, and Oswestry capitalised as Nathan Linley powered through for a fantastic try, converted by Dan Wills.

OSWESTRY III suffered a narrow 34-29 loss at Linley III in the Freshlet League division five (north). They are away to Crewe IV on Saturday.

Dan wings in for winning try in Italy

Morgan and the group of Rygbi Gogledd Cymru's (RGC) players with Filippo's father Stefano

DAN Morgan, the Oswestry winger, set up a famous victory when competing for Rygbi Gogledd Cymru (RGC) in the Filippo Cantoni tournament at Rugby Colorno near Parma in Italy.

The Marches School youngster was joined by Ellesmere College student Nick Dundee and ex-Oswestry second row Matt Gozzer, now of Church Stretton Samura, in the 24-player squad.

And all three made their mark in the tournament held in memory of Filippo who was a talented local rugby player when he tragically died in January 2014 near his home in Colorno at the age of 18.

And Morgan had the distinction of scoring the decisive try to seal victory in the final against Vineyard Boys (South Africa), with Dundee providing the conversion, to cap a successful tour for the young team.

The three lads were key players in the squad and came up against some technically good and tenacious Italian development sides and a very physical South African outfit.

RGC came through the first stage winning all of their games and racking up an impressive 135 points scored and none conceded.

As pool winners, they went through to an all UK semi-final against Staines, who had finished second in their pool.

RGC were to step off the hard grassy pitch clear victors with a 54-3 point win. Although RGC surrendered their first points of the tournament, courtesy of a Staines penalty, the boys racked up 54 points in their highest scoring display to eliminate the team from England.

This victory set up a final against Vineyard Boys (South Africa), a team they had comprehensively beaten in their pool, 33-0 and who were very keen to have a chance of revenge.

The final was a real nail biter with neither side yielding in what was a hard running and hard hitting battle, with both teams giving it their all. The match was won with a Morgan try and Ellesmere College's Dundee converted as with the previous RGC try.

The win makes RGC the first non-Italian side to win this tournament, winning all six matches.

COBRA go looking for silverware at double

COBRA will be looking for two pieces of silverware when the Cambrian Training Mid Wales rugby finals are staged at Llanidloes on Saturday, May 16.

The Meifod club's second team take on Machynlleth in the final of the Mid Wales Shield kick off at 1pm, while the under-14s tackle Aberystwyth in the final of the Junior Cup at 2.45pm.

The third final of the day takes places at 4pm, with all conquering Llanidloes coming face to face with Builth Wells II.

Meanwhile, COBRA look to cement a mid-table finish in the Swalec Welsh League division one (north) when they visit high flying Pwllheli on Saturday.

The Llanfair men gave themselves a timely boost with a 16-6 success over Bala on Saturday, and look to take that form forward for what will prove a testing trip to the coast.

"Bala is always a game we like to win, they are usually close games, but the first 40 minutes was the best rugby we have played this season," said coach Matt Griffiths.

WELSHPOOL suffered a 46-13 loss at newly crowned champions Llanidloes in division three (north) after being 13-0 up at half-time.

The Maesydre men have no game on Saturday, before finishing with a couple of home encounters against Porthmadog and Holyhead.

Across the border, **OSWESTRY** look to finish their campaign on a high note when they head to the Isle of Man on Saturday looking to repeat last season's famous success at Vagabonds.

The Eagles make the flight in good heart after last week's 72-3 drubbing of lowly Ashton on Mersey that guaranteed a fourth place

Evans above his rivals with victory No.2

GILES EVANS continued his impressive start to the season with a second victory for Ifton in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League.

After an opening night success to 17 in his team's 9-5 verdict against Burway, Evans followed up with a player of the match performance against St Georges.

His 21-9 beating of Jim Kellett proved the biggest win for the St Martins side, although the visitors eventually succumbed 9-5 (30 shots) to their Telford hosts.

Evans was one of five winners for Ifton, with Keiron Roberts prevailing to 12, Craig Griffiths to 14 and Brian Hayes to 16 while Leighton Roberts shaded his encounter against Andrew James by just one shot, 21-20.

Ifton return to home soil on Friday night against early strugglers Bylet and will hope for a healthy haul of points to maintain their en-

Oswestry's duo turn out for England

OSWESTRY duo Adam Faulkner and Richie McFie gained international recognition when representing England Deaf against their Welsh counterparts,

Winger Faulkner, who arrived at Granville Park this season, made the starting line-up and front row McFie came on as a replacement as they made their border rivals battle all the way.

But it was Wales who prevailed to retain the Broadstreet Cup with a 20-8 victory at Moseley's Billesley Common ground.

The turning point came 10 minutes into the second half when England No8 Aaron Beesley was sent off for a second yellow card offence.

Despite being down to 14 men and playing against the wind for the last 30 minutes, England managed to deny Wales a try in the second half.

However, they were left to reflect on missed opportunities when they had the wind and slope in their favour in the first period.

The England Deaf Rugby Union was formed in 2003 to give deaf and hard of hearing players the opportunity to represent their country.

Joy for COBRA after derby defeat

RUGBY UNION by John Bridgwater

COBRA gave themselves a real shot in the arm by defeating arch-rivals Bala 16-6 to further enhance their credentials in rugby's Swalec Welsh League division one (north).

After suffering a 20-13 loss at basement battlers Dolgellau in a tough local derby the week before, the Meifod men bounced back in fine style as they push for a mid-table finish.

"Bala is always a game we like to win," said coach Matt Griffiths. "They are usually close games, but the first 40 minutes was the best rugby we have played this season.

"We played really well and, considering we had six or seven out, it was a fantastic effort from the lads."

Bala have often had the better of recent meetings but, despite the wind at their backs, were soon up against it with the COBRA scrum dominating and taking several put-ins against the head.

Despite this, the visitors took the lead with a penalty before fly-half Llew Williams kicked two in reply to give the Llanfair Caerenion side the advantage.

A second Bala penalty levelled matters, but COBRA then grabbed the only try of the game. They won another scrum against the head and No.8 Jack Jukes burst over the line from 20 yards out to cross near the posts. Williams converted and then added another penalty for a 16-6 interval advantage.

With the elements in their favour in the second half, COBRA had opportunities close to the line to increase the lead.

They could not find the decisive score, but strong defence at the other end did keep Bala at bay.

Buoyed by the win, the Meifod side now head to league leaders Pwllheli on Saturday, before ending the season at home to second-placed Nant Conwy (date to be confirmed).

In the proverbial game of two halves, WELSHPOOL suffered a 46-13 loss at newly-crowned champions Llanidloes in the Swalec League division three (north).

The Maesydre men had led 13-0 at half-time before Llani showed their credentials by storming back in the second period to take the victory.

However, the scoreline did not reflect an encouraging performance from Pool who conceded two tries late on to undermine their efforts.

Despite travelling with just 15 players and forced into uncontested scrums due to a front row shortage, the visitors had the better of the first half.

Their efforts were rewarded with Andrew Thomas kicking two penalties and also supplying the conversion after fly-half Tom Williams had cut through the defence.

But Llani were in no mood to relinquish their proud unbeaten record and rang the changes at half-time to take control of the second half.

Centre James Davies crossed twice, while there were further touchdowns from winger Dan Jones, captain and centre Paul Jehu, second row Arwel Lloyd, flanker Dick Jones and prop James Plumridge while Adam Price landed four conversions and a penalty.

Welshpool have no game on Saturday, before finishing with a couple of home encounters against Porthmadog and Holyhead.

Griffiths so chuffed at league title

BRIDGNORTH skipper Dan Griffiths says he is 'chuffed' to have finally secured the Midlands Two West (North) title.

The All Blacks, who beat Wolverhampton 41-3 on Saturday, had looked destined to claim the trophy for several months on the back of a burgeoning unbeaten run in the division.

And they made it official with two games to spare, going six points clear at the summit.

Griffiths said: "I am just chuffed that we have won the league now. That is what our aim was at the start of the season – to win the league and get to Twickenham in the RFU Intermediate Cup – so it is really pleasing to have done both."

That win was Bridgnorth's 20th in a row in the league.

Church up and running on greens

CHURCH A got their campaign off to an encouraging start in the Oswestry and District Bowls League division one after chalking up a 8-2 home victory against local rivals Whittington A.

In the end, 14 shots separated the sides, with Steve Williams (21-10) leading the way for the home side while Neil Williams and Brian Canlett won to 12 and 13 respectively.

Whittington, who lost two of the games to 20, responded through Julian Turner (21-9) and Ben Hampson (21-13).

CRIFTINS A, champions three seasons back, started with a convincing 8-2 home success over new boys Overton A, taking the aggregate by 39 (148-119).

Defending champions Johnston A could again prove the team to beat this season after launching their campaign with a comfortable 8-2 (150-120) home verdict over last season's runners-up Ruabon A. Newly promoted Llangollen A also underlined their credentials with a 9-1 opening night success against Chirk A, winning the aggregate by 51 shots.

WESTON RHYN sounded an early warning in division two with a comfortable 9-1 (162-93) beating of newcomers ELLESMERE B on the opening night.

LLANYMYNECH A, looking to make a swift return to the first division after last season's relegation, made an encouraging start as they saw off CRIFTINS B 8-2, although only 10 shots (143-133) separated the sides.

Mark Kirkham marked his return to Llany by winning to seven against his old club while Andrew Miner (21-6) was the best of the responses in a closely contested encounter.

It was also a good night for LLANRHAEADR A who overcame Llangynog 8-2, with a 163-121 aggregate. Steve Jones (21-5) was the best winner, with Hywel Jones (21-11) and Mark Evans (21-12) also weighing in with good wins.

Next Tuesday's fixtures – Div One: Chirk A v Johnstown A, Whittington A v Corwen A, Cynwyd A v Criftins A, Ruabon A v Ceiriog Valley A, Flexys A v Llangollen A, Overton A v Church A. **Div Two:** Ye Olde Crofte A v Llanymynech A, Church B v Llanrhaeadr A, Llanynog A v Weston Rhyn A, Criftins B Ellesmere A, Johnstown B v George, Ellesmere B v Criftins C.

Cricketers launch season with win

SOLID batting laid the platform for Oswestry's cricketers to record a confidence-boosting 21-run victory over Shifnal in a season-opening friendly at Morda Road.

Braving a bitterly cold wind, the home side's batsmen were in fine form with Josh Kirk (45) and Joe Clarke (39) putting on 51 for the first wicket.

Stand-in skipper Alex Huxley added 51 and Robbie Clarke 23 as Oswestry reached 208-6 in their 50 overs.

Sam Huxley then took 4-26 and debutant Elliott Bowen 3-41 as Shifnal were bowled out for 187 in reply.

Oswestry will be at home to a Barnt Green XI in another friendly this Saturday, before the season proper gets under way with a Birmingham League Division One game against Walsall on April 25.

Llanfair on brink of the Spar title

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

LLANFAIR United can virtually clinch the Spar Mid Wales League division one crown when they tackle chief rivals Penrhyncoch at the Mount on Saturday.

Rhys Stephens' side are now in sight of the title after returning to winning ways with a 4-0 home success over Machynlleth that took them three points clear of Penrhyn with a game in hand on their rivals.

And victory on Saturday would effectively make Llanfair the champions as their second placed visitors would be six points behind with just two games remaining, and with a vastly inferior goal difference.

"Atlhough they can't present us with the trophy, if we win on Saturday we would effectively be champions as I can't see Penrhyncoch turning around a goal difference of 20 in two games," said Stephens.

"After last week, the pressure is off us a little bit as we can afford to lose and the title is still in our own hands.

"But we want to wrap it up in style by defeating our closest challengers, that's what everyone's focused on."

After a recent wobble that saw three defeats in four league outings, United returned to form with a 4-0 hammering of Machynlleth thanks to a four-goal haul from James Davies.

And their cause was helped with their only realistic challengers Penrhyncoch surprisingly held 1-1 at lowly Tywyn Bryncrug.

Elsewhere in the first division, **WELSHPOOL** host Bow Street on Friday night, while the following day Waterloo Rovers welcome Carno and Llanrhaeadr are at home to Rhosgoch.

TNS TOLD TO STAY FOCUSED

BOSS Craig Harrison insists there will no complacency as The New Saints look to make history by wrapping up the Welsh domestic treble – and an unbeaten campaign.

The Welsh Premier high fliers have long since been crowned champions, but allowed their standards to slip as they threw away a three-goal interval lead to draw 3-3 with Aberystwyth in their last home game of the season at Park Hall.

It was a disappointing outcome, but Harrison – who this week was away in Geneva working on his UEFA pro coaching licence – warned that his side will be back on their mettle in Saturday's testing trip to arch rivals Airbus UK.

Despite the draw, the Saints remain unbeaten this term with two trophies already in the bag – and with the prospect of adding the Welsh Cup against Newtown next month.

"It was a disappointing result after being in a great position to win the game at half time, but we'll learn the lessons from that and move on," said Harrison.

Performance

"Our the second half performance was not good enough, but there are not many times I have said that, and we won't dwell on it. It would be unfair for me to have a go at the lads as they have been superb week in week out, and 45 minutes out of 40 games does not define a season.

"We'll put it behind us, and there's a real drive and determination in the side to go through the season unbeaten and win all three trophies in domestic football. We now move on and plan for Airbus."

He added: "We never got a foothold in the game in the second half and all the players know it was not good enough, they don't have to be told.

"In the end, the result felt as if we had been beaten, and it shows how far the club have come that teams come here and draw and are talking about it as if they have won. Aber had the momentum, they put us under pressure from set plays and it was hard to turn the tide."

Harrison was away this week working on his pro coaching licence before returning for Saturday's game, so assistant boss Scott Ruscoe takes charge of the preparations during the week.

Pitch pulled up at The Venue

The artificial pitch at Park Hall is ripped up ready to be replaced. Picture: Brian Jones.

OUT with the old, in with the new… The 3G pitch at The New Saints' Park Hall Stadium was this week rolled away, ready to be replaced by a new artificial surface.

The pitch, which has been in use for eight years after the club switched from Llansantffraid to its new venue, is being updated ahead of the new season, with the first fixture on the new surface to be the club's UEFA Champions League qualifying round tie in early July.

The Saints had not lost on their old pitch since November 2012, but the ageing surface has now been ripped up to allow work on the new state of the art 3G pitch to begin.

Morda are crowned as champions

MORDA United boss Colin Turner paid tribute to his players after ending a difficult season by landing the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division two title.

The Weston Road side had to fight to be accepted in the Welsh system after pulling out of the Mercian League last summer, but their efforts were rewarded with some silverware in their first season across the border.

Despite starting their campaign late due to red tape, they are now certain to win the second division title after last week's 3-1 success against Berriew reserves.

Turner praised the spirit of his entire squad, adding: "It has been a challenging season on and off the field, but I have been delighted with the efforts of all of the players. They fully deserve their success."

Morda had been in limbo at the start of the season after the Shropshire FA had blocked their switch across the border into the Montgomeryshire League as the club is based in England. However, they eventually got the green light following a successful appeal, and have since gone from strength to strength.

Morda have three away games to complete their league programme, the first being last night (Wednesday) when they travelled to Welshpool to face Waterloo Rovers colts.

On Saturday they will visit Forden United and the following week finish the season at Kerry reserves, both games kicking off at 2.30

Llan boss named as Spar League's boss of the month

MARC Griffiths has been named March manager of the month in the Spar Mid Wales League division one after his Llanrhaeadr side reeled off a string of wins to put them in sight of third place.

It has been a successful season for Llan who have had lengthy runs in the Welsh Cup and the FA of Wales Trophy.

And the villagers continued their good run with a 2-0 victory over **WELSHPOOL** in midweek with goals from Ben White and Endaf Owens.

Montgomery striker Elliot Jones is the division's player of the month after helping his team boost their hopes of escaping relegation with some victories.

LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE bowed out of the Central Wales Cup with a 3-0 exit at fancied Caersws whose Ioan Humphreys netted a brace and John Owen got the other.

Caersws will now meet Llanidloes Town in the semi-final on Saturday, with the Bluebirds to have home advantage at the Recreation Ground which was decided on the toss of a coin.

Waterloo Rovers frustrated Bettws' title push in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one after holding the leaders to a 2-2 draw.

Llanfyllin won 3-2 at Meifod to keep alive their slim hopes while Guilsfield reserves suffered a 5-1 defeat at Llanfair reserves.

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